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FANTAGRAPHICS
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE DUCK AVENGER BACKSTORY

EXHIBIT A

THIS IS THE HOUSE THAT QUACK BUILT!

Villa Rose... former mansion of Lord John Lamont **Quackett,** better known as gentleman thief **Fantomallard!**

EXHIBIT B

THIS IS THE DIARY THAT LAY IN THE HOUSE THAT QUACK BUILT!

Fantomallard's **own** diary, too! When Donald Duck **thought** he'd won Villa Rose in the Calisota Lottery, he toured the place and... **wak!**

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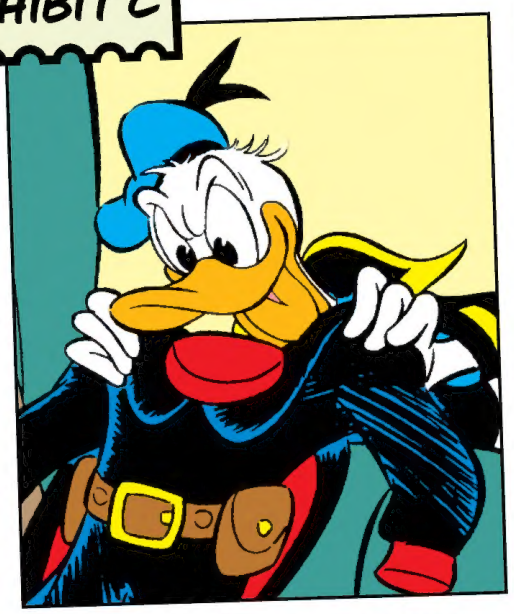

THIS IS THE SUIT THAT WAS UNDER THE DIARY THAT LAY IN THE HOUSE THAT QUACK BUILT!

A tricked-out **super-suit** with which Fantomallard once battled corrupt fat cats... and **even worse** crooks!

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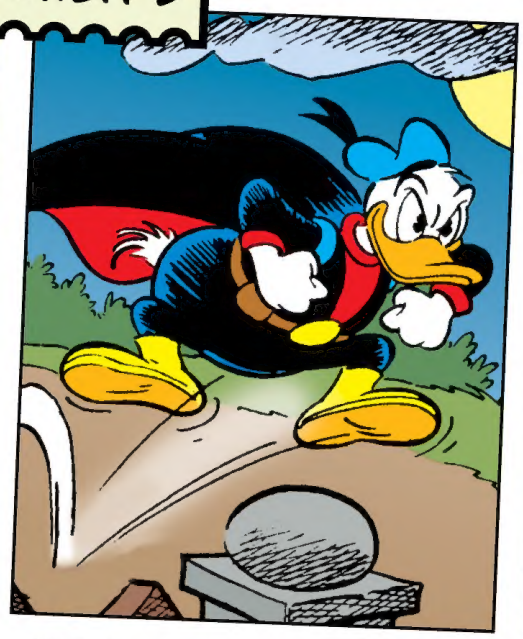

THIS IS THE DUCK WHO WORE THE SUIT THAT WAS UNDER THE DIARY... ET CETERA, ET CETERA!

Duckburg's new super-**anti**-hero... **Duck Avenger!** Dashing, no?

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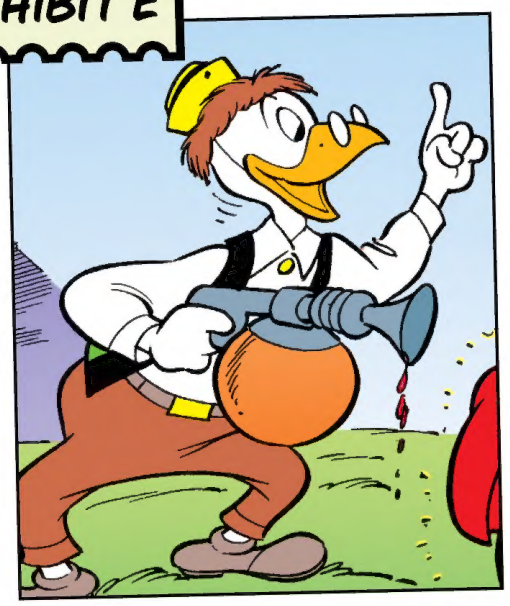
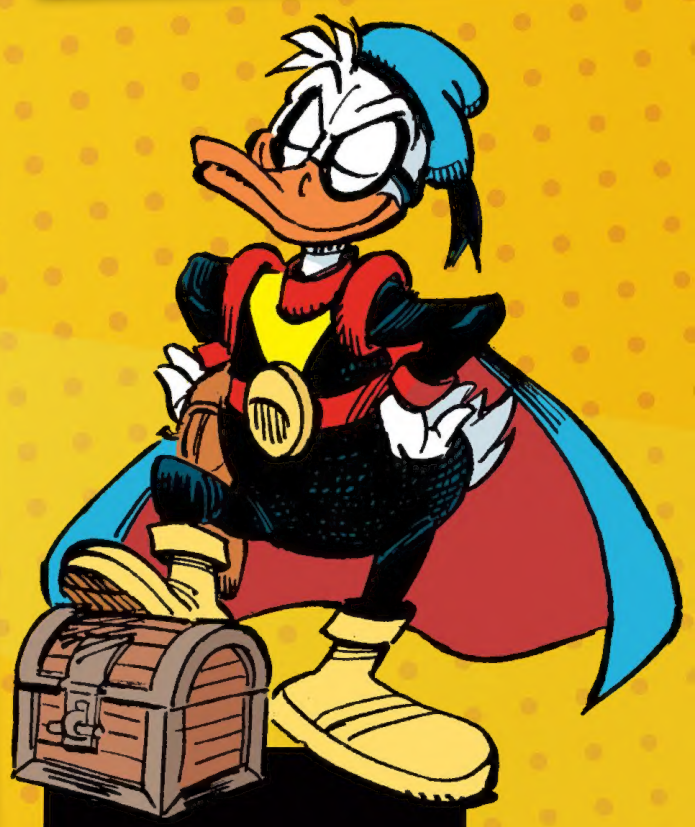


THIS IS THE CHICKEN WHO BUILT THE GEAR THAT WAS USED BY THE DUCK... UH-OH, HE SHOULDN'T HAVE!

Yep! Gyro Gearloose built D.A. a **roboticized car** and an **underground Avenger Lair,** inspired by Fantomallard's diary! Not good... since the **real winner** of Villa Rose, **and** the diary, **and** the super-suit, was Donald's **awful lucky cousin... Gladstone Gander!**



AND SO, TODAY...

Clumsier than a confused ox, angrier than a wet hornet, Donald Duck is **still** Duckburg's secret hero! Too bad he **can't tell anyone...** or he'd risk losing it all! Mostly he's a mess, but being Duck Avenger is the **one** job Donald does **right...** And it's about to be **imperiled** by all the jobs he does **wrong!**

ONWARD!

Exhibits A-D: from "The Diabolical Duck Avenger" (Italy, 1969; American printing in *Donald Duck* #372-373, 2015); plot by Elisa Penna, script by Guido Martina, art by Giovan Battista Carpi. Exhibit E: from "Revenge of the Duck Avenger" (Italy, 1970; American printing in *DD* #381-382, 2016); story by Martina, art by Romano Scarpa.

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GRIFT OF THE WORKWEEK MAGI

BY BATEM AND POTHIER

OUR STORY BEGINS ON A DULL SEPTEMBER DAY IN DUCKBURG! SOMEHOW, LIFE IS **GOOD!** CITIZENS ARE THRIVING IN CALM, PEACEFUL, CONTENTED BLISS! LIFE IS LESS LIKE A **HURRICANE** AND MORE LIKE A WAFTING, GENTLE BREEZE... NO RACECARS OR LASERS TODAY, AND AIRPLANES **AREN'T** CRASHING. IN SHORT, **NOTHING SPECIAL** IS GOING ON, AND IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL... FOR **MOST** PEOPLE...

JOURNALISTS, QUACKMORE? SEND 'EM IN!

BEWARE OF RABID McDUCK

STOP

NO!

HALT!

GET BACK, JACK!

WE CAME TO SEE YOU, MR. McDUCK, BECAUSE EVERY YEAR OUR *MAGAZINE...*

"FLAUNT IT!"

...PRINTS A *RANKING* OF THE *TOP EARNERS* IN THE U.S. OF A.!

FLAUNT IT!

-:HA-HA!:- I KNOW! AND EVERY YEAR, *I'M* NUMERO-UNO BIG CHEESE! I *ADORE* YOUR MAGAZINE!

IT'S ***PRICELESS,*** PEERING AT THE PUG-UGLY POUTS OF MY PEERS AS THEY PROCESS MY PRISTINE PROFILE IN THE PAGES OF YOUR PERFECT PERIODICAL!

AH, MY ***RIDICULOUS*** RIVALS! ->HA-HA-HA!<-

RANKING DAY IS A ***WEEK*** AWAY, NO?

YES! ***NEXT TUESDAY,*** MR. McDUCK, AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE COME TO INFORM YOU...

...THAT THE 2025 INCOME TALLY OF YOUR CLOSEST LOCAL ***COMPETITOR,*** JOHN D....

ROCKERDUCK...

...IS ***SLIGHTLY*** HIGHER THAN YOURS!

WHAZZITMEAN.

IT MEANS... *YOU'LL BE ->AHEM<- **NUMBER TWO** THIS YEAR.*

WHAZZITMEAN.

*IT MEANS... YOU'LL NO LONGER BE... **NUMBER ONE**.... SORRY.*

THE ***GOOD*** NEWS IS THAT YOU'RE SURE TO WIN THE ***"PYRITE BOOBY,"*** THE TROPHY AWARDED BY OUR COLLEAGUES AT...

...***"FLUB IT"*** MAGAZINE...

...FOR THE ***NUMBER TWO*** POSITION! BYE!

*WHAT'S IT **MEEEAAAN...***

NUMBER TWO! OUTSMARTED BY THE SMARTIES...

WORRY NOT, SIR. ***ALL YOUR CLERKS*** ARE REVIEWING THE RECORDS! SURELY THEY'LL FIND A MONEY-COUNTING ***ERROR.***

VICTORY!

AND HERE'S ONE OF THEM NOW, SAVING THE DAY. ***GOOD*** CLERK.

-HA-HA!- I *KNEW* THOSE YELLOW JOURNALISTS AT "FLAUNT IT" *BORKED UP* THE CALCULATIONS!

-BZZZT!- *WRONG.*

TEA

THE *BOOKS JUST CLOSED* FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, AND ROCKERDUCK DID *GENUINELY* EARN *MORE* THAN YOU... BUT I *MAY* HAVE A SOLUTION...

MAGIC, ESPIONAGE, OR *BEAGLE BOYS?*

I'LL MULL THIS OVER IN MY BATH!

WHICH OF THE THREE IS *CHEAPEST?*

NONE, MR. McDUCK. I'M REFERRING TO A *DONATION.*

DONATION?

YES. IT MEANS *GIVING* SOMETHING TO SOMEONE WITHOUT EXPECTING *ANYTHING* IN RETURN.

I WOULD NEVER!

I DON'T MEAN YOU SHOULD *GIVE* A DONATION, MR. McDUCK! I MEAN IF YOU *RECEIVE* ONE... *BY* TUESDAY... *OFF* THE BOOKS... SEE?

NO!

NEIN!

NYET!

GIT!

WITH YOUR MONEY TALLIES SO TIGHT, A MERE *$500* MIGHT PUSH YOU *PAST* ROCKERDUCK, MAKING YOU #1 AGAIN. SOMEONE, ANYONE, MUST *GIFT YOU MONEY.*

DEPTH GAUGE

...BUT WHAT NITWIT *WOULD* DONATE TO A *MULTI-ZULTI-ZILLIONAIRE?*

I WOULD NEVER!

$$$

WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE? WHY SHOULD I *GIVE YOU* $500?

SIMPLY PUT: I'M YOUR UNCLE! I *OWN* THIS HOUSE!

AND YOU'VE *NEVER* PAID A RED CENT OF RENT.

RENT?! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET THE CASH FOR *RENT?!*

NEPHEW, WHAT WORD BEGINS WITH *J* AND ENDS WITH *OB?*

A JOB? IN THIS ECONOMY?!

WELL, BLESS MY KILTS.

HE SOLVED MY RIDDLE! HOW'S ABOUT THAT?

WHY THIS SUDDEN REQUEST, UNCA SCROOGE?

YOU DON'T NEED CASH...

YOUR BIN'S BURSTING AT THE SEAMS!

HUEY. DEWEY. LOUIE. WE'RE TALKING *EARNING POWER* IN *THIS FISCAL YEAR.* IF I *DON'T* RECEIVE A DONATION BY TUESDAY... *I'M NUMBER TWO!*

CAN YOU *EVEN IMAGINE?*

SEE YA TUESDAY, DONALD! WITHOUT YOUR $500, I'LL TAKE THE HOUSE BACK AND *SELL* IT! *ONE* JOB... THAT'S ALL YOU NEED!

ONE JOB... *FIVE* BENJAMINS... OR NUMBER *TWO!* WAIT A SEC...

BACK LATER, BOYS! I'M OFF TO GYRO'S! I'VE GOT A BANGER OF AN *IDEA!*

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NO, DONALD. I WILL *NOT* INVENT YOU A *DONATION-FAKING MACHINE.* THAT'S *FRAUD.*

LIFETIME GUARANTEE!

G. GEARLOOSE INVENTOR OF ANYTHING

HAND MADE!

INVENTIONS WHILE-U-WAIT

ASK AND I SHALL INVENT!

WHY IS MY LIFE *CATASTROPHIC?*

PFFT! SO MR. McDUCK TAKES YOUR HOUSE. BIG DEAL!

FLUMP!

YOU CAN ALWAYS *MOVE,* RIGHT?

I *CAN'T...* AND GYRO WOULD KNOW *WHY,* IF HE HADN'T BEEN *GULPING* HIS MEMORY-WIPING *COCO-NONO* CANDIES!

GYRO FORCED HIMSELF TO *FORGET* THE *SECRET ELEVATOR* HE'D INSTALLED IN MY *ARMOIRE!*

IF UNCLE SCROOGE FOLLOWS IT DOWN, THEY'LL ALL FIND OUT THAT I'M... **DUCK AVENGER!**

?

THEY'LL DISCOVER MY *GADGETS,* MY *MASKS,* MY *COSTUMES!* THEY'LL LEARN HOW I *STARTED* MY CAREER BY FINDING THE *DIARY* OF THAT LEGENDARY ADVENTURER, *FANTOMALLARD...* AND -›GULP!‹- KINDA-SORTA *FILCHING* HIS DISUSED *SUPER GEAR!*

MY *COCO-NONO* STASH WILL MAKE *GYRO* COMPLICIT...

DONNY, QUIT SULKING! SINCE YOU'RE HERE, LET ME INTRODUCE MY NEWEST INVENTION: THE ***B.R.A.I.N.F.O.G.!***

COCO-NONOS... DOOMSDAY... WAIT, ***WHAT?***

THE ***B***RAINY ***R***ESILIENCE ***A***GITATIVE ***I***DEA AND ***N***OTION-***F***OULING ***O***RDINANCE ***G***ENERATOR! SPRAY THIS MIST IN SOMEONE'S FACE, TELL THEM ***ANYTHING,*** AND THEY'LL THINK IT WAS ***THEIR*** IDEA!

AND YOU'RE ***SURE*** THIS'LL WORK?

ABSO-POSILUTELY!

HEY, MR. POSTMAN!

?

PSHHHTT!

WHAT IF YOU CHANGED CAREERS AND BECAME A ***PIANIST?***

WHY AM I WALKIN' THIS BEAT WHEN I COULD BEAT ***BRAHMS*** ON ***IVORY KEYS?***

HACHI-MACHI, IT WORKED!

GYRO, YOU MAD-LAD GENIUS!

HAND MADE

I'LL SPRITZ THIS MIST ONTO UNCLE SCROOGE'S MUG AND CONVINCE HIM TO ***ABANDON*** THIS ***DONATION*** THING! IT'S A ***FOOLPROOF*** PLAN!

HANG ON, FOO-- ER, DONALD! I NEED TO CHECK SOMETHING!

PSHHHTT!

YOU'RE GOING TO GET A ***JOB*** AND EARN $500, BECAUSE YOUR PLANS ***ALWAYS BACKFIRE.***

I'LL GET A ***JOB*** AND EARN $500, SINCE MY PLANS ALWAYS BACKFIRE.

GREAT IDEA, DONALD!

DUCKBURG EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

ALL THE JOBS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK ARE ON *THIS* LIST. GOOD LUCK!

MAILMAN WANTED (SUDDEN OPENING!)

HOUSE-PAINTER WANTED

YOU'RE FIRED!

ROAD WORKER WANTED (HAVE JACK, WILL HAMMER)

RATATAKAKA

BOUNCER SOUGHT (HEAVYWEIGHT PREFERRED)

IT AIN'T HAPPENIN', MAC.

PLUMBER DEEPLY NEEDED

PIANO MOVER WANTED

THE DAYS THUS PASS...

HAVE YOU EARNED *ANY* MONEY AT ALL, UNCA DONALD?

NO!

WELL, *WE'RE* SPENDING *OUR* HARD-EARNED CASH...

...ON DONATIONS TO...

...THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCK *FALL ACTIVITY FUND!*

MORE *DONATIONS!*

AS TEN-STAR GENERALS, WE CHOOSE ACTIVITIES FROM *THIS LIST!**

BUT WE MUSTN'T PLAY FAVORITES...

...SO OUR *DICE* DECIDE WHICH DONATIONS GO WHERE!

** TYPICAL ENDLESS WOODCHUCK LIST! -- THE EDITORS!*

WHICH DONATIONS *GO WHERE...* HEY!

HOW DID I NOT THINK OF *THAT* SOONER?!

LATER!

THE BOYS ARE ASLEEP! THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR THE *DIABOLICAL DUCK AVENGER...*

SKREEK!

TOING!

TOING!

...THOUGH TONIGHT, I'M AVENGING *MYSELF!*

VROOOOM

GOOD THING ROCKERDUCK LIVES JUST OUTSIDE DUCKBURG, AND NOT IN SOUTH AFRICA!

NOW *HOW* THE HOO-HA DO I HOP INTO THIS HOOLIGAN'S HOUSE?

DING DONG!

?

DUCK AVENGER?!

Y'KNOW, DOORBELLS ARE INGENIOUS. RING ONE, AND FOLKS JUST OPEN UP!

GUARDS!! ATTACK!!!

VAMOOSE, YOU AESTHETICALLY DISPLEASING DOPE! I HAVE *GUESTS* COMING TO CELEBRATE MY *NUMBER-ONE WIN!* YOU'LL RUIN EVERYTHING!

SPLAP!

YOUR PARTY'S *PREMATURE,* JOHNNY D.! AND I'LL TELL YA *WHY...*

HANDLE THIS PARTY CRASHER, BOYS!

WITH JOY!

HAW! HAW!

SCROOGE McDUCK HAS A *TRICK* TO BECOME NUMBER ONE--

-:GWAAK!:-

HE *CAN'T!* THE FISCAL-YEAR BOOKS ARE CLOSED!

GRRR!

DONATIONS AREN'T *ON* THE BOOKS!

SPLAT!

"DOUGH-NATIONS"?

UNCOMPENSATED GIFTS!

DONATIONS? I *STILL* DON'T GET IT...

BOING!

IT MEANS *GIVING* SOMETHING TO SOMEONE WITHOUT--

I KNOW WHAT DONATIONS ARE, YOU GOON!

WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH *SCROOGE?*

PLENTY! IF FOLKS *SELFLESSLY* GIFT HIM DOUGH BEFORE TUESDAY, HE'LL *STEAL FIRST PLACE!*

SNAP!

AND? NO NUT WOULD *EVER* FRONT THAT CHEAPSKATE A DIME!

KRAAK!

OF COURSE NOT! HE'S ONLY-- *YOW!*

SHAMING HIMSELF! BUT...

POK!

SINCE YOU'RE *SURE* YOU'LL STAY AHEAD...

POMP!

...WHY NOT RUIN SCROOGE'S REP EVEN MORE? MAKE A *HIGH-PROFILE DONATION* TO A *REAL* CHARITY!

KRAAK!

IT WON'T AFFECT THE *CLOSED BOOKS...*

BUT IT'LL MAKE *YOU* NUMBER ONE WITH *AVERAGE DUCKBURGIANS* AS *WELL* AS ELITES!

JUST THINK... SCROOGE McDUCK *BEGS* FOR DONATIONS... JOHN D. *GIVES* TO *THIS* GOOD CAUSE!

OUT OF THE QUESTION!

BEESWAX

YEAH, I FIGURED.

PSHHHT!

WHAT IF YOU GAVE A COOL MILLION TO *B.E.E.S.W.A.X.*, THIS CHARITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF *BEES?*

I KNOW! I'LL GIVE A COOL MILLION TO *B.E.E.S.W.A.X.*, 'CAUSE I LOVES ME SOME BEES!

BEESWAX

THANKS FOR THE MIL, ROCKERDORK, AND SORRY FOR THE MESS!

WHAT MESS?

A FEW DAYS LATER...

HA! THE DUCKBURG TIMES, THE COUNTY CONSCIENCE... I CAN SEE THE HEADLINES NOW!

"J.D. ROCKERDUCK: AESTHETICALLY PLEASING TYCOON!"

"J.D.R.: RICH AND GENEROUS!"

"ROCKERDUCK: BEAUTY OF THE BILLIONS!"

HOW DID I EVER GET SUCH A BRILLIANT IDEA?

WE GOT A PROBLEM, BOSS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

UH... ABOUT THE NAME OF THAT CHARITY...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

B.E.E.S.W.A.X. ISN'T THE BODY OF ENGAGING ENTOMOLOGISTS SUPPORTING WORKING APIDAE X-PONENTIALLY...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I M-MEAN W-WHAT Y-YOU'VE ACTUALLY D-DONATED T-TO IS....

...THE BRAZEN, EGREGIOUS AND EXPLOITATIVE "SCROOGE WINS ALWAYS" X-TORTION!

AT THAT MOMENT!

SIMPLY PUT, YOUR SUDDEN COMEBACK IS AMAZING!

NO!

OUT.

LEAVE!

WITH THIS LAST-MINUTE DONATION FACTORED INTO OUR TALLY, YOU'RE BACK TO BEING INCOME CHAMP!

DEPTH GAUGE

SCROOGE McDUCK, "FLAUNT IT" MAGAZINE IS PROUD TO AWARD YOU THE GOLDEN DOLLAR, OUR TROPHY FOR THE FASTEST EARNER IN THE COUNTRY!

FLASH!

INCREDIBLE... AS USUAL!

FLAUNT IT!

SCROOGE! #1 YET AGAIN!

SO A *MYSTERY CHARITY* DONATED A MILLION TO YOU?

SEEMS *FISHY*. HOW'S THAT POSSIBLE?

I WAS AS SHOCKED AS YOU, BOYS!

BUT NOW THAT I'M SECURE, I'LL DONATE THE CASH TO A *REAL* CHARITY. MEANWHILE, I GUESS I'VE GOT A *SECRET FRIEND* WATCHING MY BACK!

DO TELL.

AND WITH *THAT* SETTLED... WHAT ABOUT THE *HOUSE*, UNK?

WELL, I'M *DONE* BEGGING FOR *GIFTS*...

BUT I *LIKE* THE IDEA OF *RENT!* SO FROM NOW ON YOU'LL PAY IT MONTHLY. IF YOU EARN YOUR KEEP, YOU CAN STAY PUT! THAT'S *MY* GIFT TO *YOU!*

WHAT?!?

I NEED TO BE FORWARD-THINKING! YOUR *FUTURE RENT* WILL HELP ME *STAY* ONE STEP AHEAD OF ROCKERDUCK!

...SO GET A JOB AND *KEEP IT*, DONALD!

UNCLE SCROOGE REALLY IS THE *BEST* AT MAKING MONEY.

HONESTLY, IT'S KINDA UNNERVING.

OF *COURSE* IT IS...

...HE'S GOT A *GIFT* FOR IT!

END of chapter 1!

WALT DISNEY

POTHIER - BATEM.

MORNING IN DUCKBURG'S BUSINESS DISTRICT! AND AS ON **ALL** MORNINGS, THE NAMELESS MASSES **RUSH** TO GET TO WORK! THESE EVERYDAY HEROES HURRY ABOUT WITH THEIR LIVES... UNAWARE THAT TODAY, ONE OF THEIR **OWN** WILL BE DONNING HIS **FINEST SUIT** FOR A JOB INTERVIEW...

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR

DUCK AVENGER

OF HIRINGS & FIRINGS

TANGLE

CAFÉ

DEA

NEXT!

DUCKBURG EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

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HEY! YOU'RE UP!

NEXT!

COME IN AND HAVE A SEAT.

'KAY...

NAME?

ADDRESS?

PROFESSION?

DUCK AVENGER.

DUCKBURG.

MASKED VIGILANTE.

AND WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING TO DO FOR WORK, MR. CLUCK AVENGER?

DUCK AVENGER.

I'D LIKE TO STICK CLOSE TO MY FIELD, MISS! CREAMING CROOKS, HOSING FOES, SAVING INNOCENT SCHLUBS' VERY LIVES, COVERING MY BACKSIDE... OH! AND ***DIABOLICALLY AVENGING*** THE DOWNTRODDEN! CAN'T FORGET THAT! I'M ***EXTRA GOOD*** AT THAT!

I'MGETTINTOOOLD FORTHISONLYTHREE YEARSTORETIREMENT ***GRRMBLL***

I'VE MADE A LIST OF MY PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES, IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK!

LEMME SEE THAT...

YOU'RE ALWAYS *DISCREET* AND *QUIET* DURING WORK HOURS...

ALWAYS!

CERBERUS

YOU NEVER GIVE UP WHEN FACED WITH OBSTACLES...

NEVER!

YOU'RE WILLING TO WORK IN A *TEAM* WHEN NECESSARY...

POW!!

SOMETIMES!

BIFF!

YOU EVEN ACCEPT *NIGHT* WORK?

PREFER IT!

AND I SEE YOU'RE WILLING TO *TRAVEL* FOR A JOB!

YEP! MY GADGETIZED CAR, THE *313-X*, GETS ME ANYWHERE QUICK!

IN ADDITION, I SOMETIMES WORK FROM *HOME* IN MY SECRET *AVENGER LAIR*. MY "DONALD-CAVE," IF YOU WILL.

DONALD- CAVE?

-GASP!- NOW I GET IT! IT'S YOU! YOU'RE DONALD DUCK!

WHAT?! NONO-NO!!!

LIAR! YOU'RE CLUCK AVENGER! DONALD DUCK! SCROOGE MCDUCK'S NEPHEW!

NOOO! I'M DOT NONALD! I'M ONLY YUCK... MUCK... CLUCK AVAAAGH!

POP

I'M ONLY DUCK AVENGER!

?
?
?

SORRY TO SCARE YOU... NIGHTMARE! M-MISTAKEN IDENTITY?

IT'S COOL, UNCA DONALD...

IT'S *NATURAL* TO DREAM ABOUT BEING DUCK AVENGER, SINCE YOU'LL BE *WEARING HIS COSTUME* TODAY!

ALL FOR THAT JOB INTERVIEW...

...WHERE THE WANT AD *SAID* TO "COME DRESSED AS A *MASKED HERO!*"

IT REALLY WAS NICE OF THE AVENGER TO *LEND* YOU THIS!

BUT WHAT IF PEOPLE *MISTAKE* ME FOR HIM?

PLEASE, UNCA DONALD.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOU'RE THE *ERSATZ* MODEL!

DON'T FORGET... YOU'VE *GOTTA* SNAG THIS JOB SO YOU CAN PAY UNCA SCROOGE *RENT*...

...AND KEEP OUR HOUSE! WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU! OTHERWISE...

...HE'LL TOSS US ONTO THE STREET!

I KNOW! I KNOW!

IMAGINE *ME*, THE *REAL* DUCK AVENGER, PLAYING A *FAKE!* LATE-STAGE CAPITALISM IS 100% FOR THE BIRDS.

I WONDER WHAT *OTHER* "MASKED HEROES" WILL BE APPLYING! GIZMODUCKS? DARKWINGS?

BY TOUTATIS! I'M THE *MASKED GAUL!*

BONJOUR! JE M'APPELLE *MOUSQUETAIRE MASQUÉ!*

HOWDY! AH'M THUH *MASKED COWBOY!*

ARRR! I BE THE *MASKED PIRATE!*

BORING. UH... AN' I'M... =HEH!= THE MASKED MALLARD!

GOOD!

U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT

NOW AS YOU ALL KNOW, YOU'RE TRYING OUT FOR A JOB MAKING HOME BUTTER DELIVERIES FOR OUR COMPANY, "U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT"!

AND YOU BUTTER BELIEVE THAT U-BUTTER BELIEVES IN BRINGING YOU BETTER BUTTER!

U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT
BETTER BUTTER BROUGHT TO YOU

BETTER BUTTER NOT IN BRITTLE BOXES...

...BUT IN PERFECTLY PETITE POTS! U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT!

AND BETTER BUTTER CAN BE MOST MASTERFULLY MARKETED...

...BY HARDY HEROES?

BANZAI AND BINGO! KIDS CRAVE COSTUMES! ADULTS ADORE ACTION!

POK!

PROOF POSITIVE: POINT YOUR PEEPERS PORTSIDE... SEE SUPER GOOF SOARING SKYWARD!

SALUDOS, SUPER GOOF! SWOON!

SEE HOW CITIZENS SQUEAL AND SIGH!

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, HEROES! YOU TOO WILL BOND BODACIOUSLY WITH BYSTANDERS... WHILE BOMBASTICALLY BOOSTING BETTER BUTTER TO BLISSFULLY BENIGN BUYERS!

U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT

Masked Marvels Help Home Delivery

PROCURING THIS POSITION WILL *NOT* INVOLVE *INTERVIEWS!* INSTEAD... A SPATE OF *SPEED!*

TO WIT: THE *FIRST HERO* TO DELIVER A PRISTINE POT OF *"U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT"* BUTTER *BEYOND* THE BOROUGHS TO *BOTULISM BOULEVARD...* GETS THE JOB!

EACH EAGER ENTRANT MUST TIE DOWN HIS OWN TRANSPORT!

QUICKIE QUESTIONS?

JUST ONE, LUNCH-LADY! WHEN DO WE START?

WHEN? THE *CHALLENGE* HAS *COMMENCED!*

OBSEQUIOUSLY OBVIOUS, SIR.

U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT

PERFECT! I'LL PACK UP MY PETITE POT...

...AND *POWER UP!*

WATCH THAT FIRST STEP...

IT'S A DOOZY!

BOOM! HEY! BAM YOWP! SLAM! OUCH! THUD! WAK!

NO!

DID *RED RIDING HOOD* HAVE THESE PROBLEMS GETTING GOODIES TO *GRANDMA?*

THE BOYS ARE GONNA *HATE* ME!

HEY! WHAT THE HOO-HA...?!?

ALL THE *OTHER* MASKED GOOFBALLS... HAVING SOME KIND OF *JAM SESSION!*

I'LL USE MY EARBUD AMPS! SOMETHING'S FISHY!

YARRR! TIME FER A RECAP...

...WE *ALL* BE APPLYIN' FER THIS HOME BUTTER DELIVERY GIG TO *INCREASE* OUR *CHANCES* O' GETTIN' *HIRED!*

UP GAUL! YOU SAID IT!

THEN, ONCE ONE OF US *GETS* TH' JOB, WE CAN *USE* THOSE DELIVERIES TO *SABOTAGE* FOLKS' HOUSES... ENABLIN' US TA *BURGLARIZE* 'EM *LATERRR!*

UP GAUL! YOU SAID IT!

IZZAT DUCK AVENGER?

NARRRR! JUST THAT *MALLARD* SWAB! IF IT WERRRE THE AVENGERRR, I'D BE *WORRIED!*

→*HONH-HONH!*← LE VRAI NOUS AURAIT DÉJÀ REPÉRÉS!

UP GAUL-- *WHAT* DID YOU SAY?

I *KNEW* IT! THAT'S THE *TROPE TROUPE*... THE *TERRIBLE TROPE TROUPE!*

READYMIX, BUSHWHACK, B'ARKTAGNAN, AND BLACKBRISTLES!

THEY'RE MAD *METHOD ACTORS* WITH *"DRAMATIS PERSONAE"* FOR CRIME!

→*SNORT!*← TIME FOR DUCK AVENGER TO ENTER STAGE LEFT!

SSSUUUUSSHHHH...

I'LL *GUM UP* THOSE THIEVES WITH MY *SWEET SASSY MOLASSY CANNON!* THEN I'LL *SNAG* ONE OF THEIR BUTTER POTS, DELIVER IT *FIRST,* AND *GET* MY CIVILIAN SELF THAT JOB!

→*HAH!*← I *LOVE* IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER!

PLOP! PLOP! PLOP!

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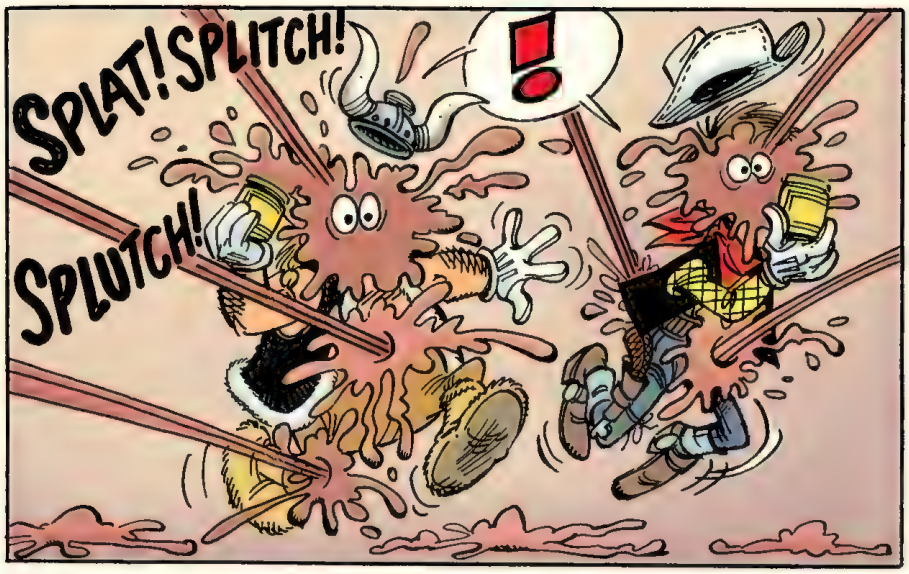
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SPLUTCH!
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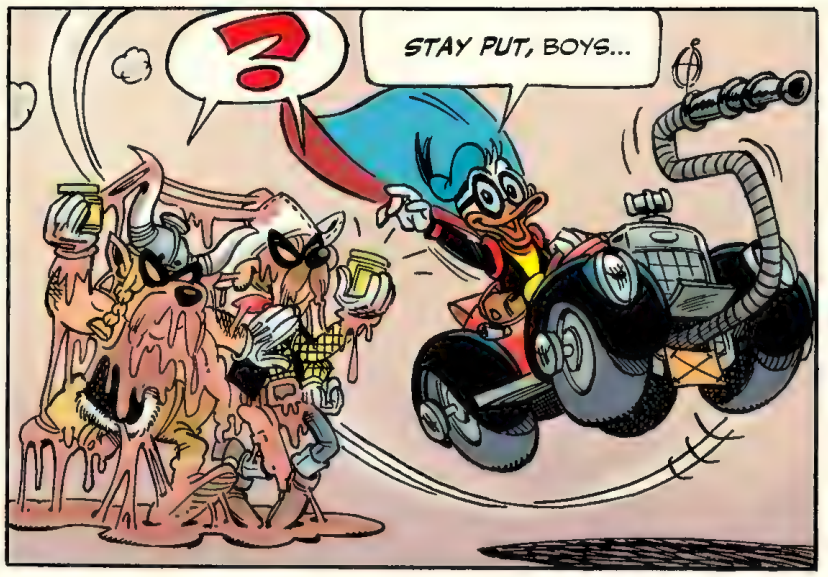
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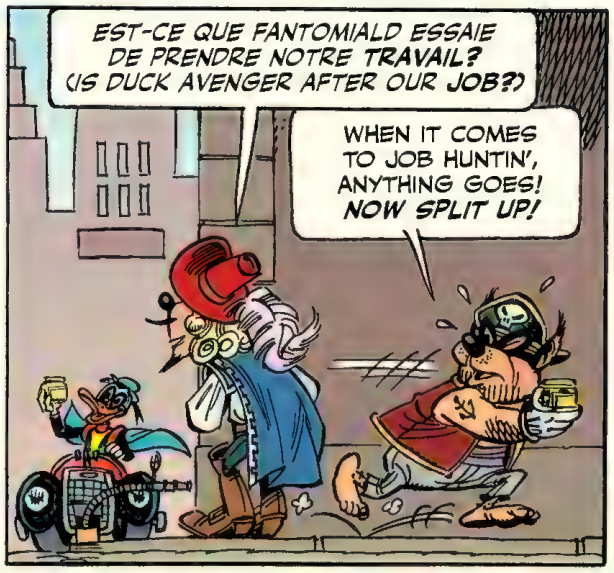
STAY PUT, BOYS...

AND I'LL BE TAKING ONE PETITE POT, THANK YOU!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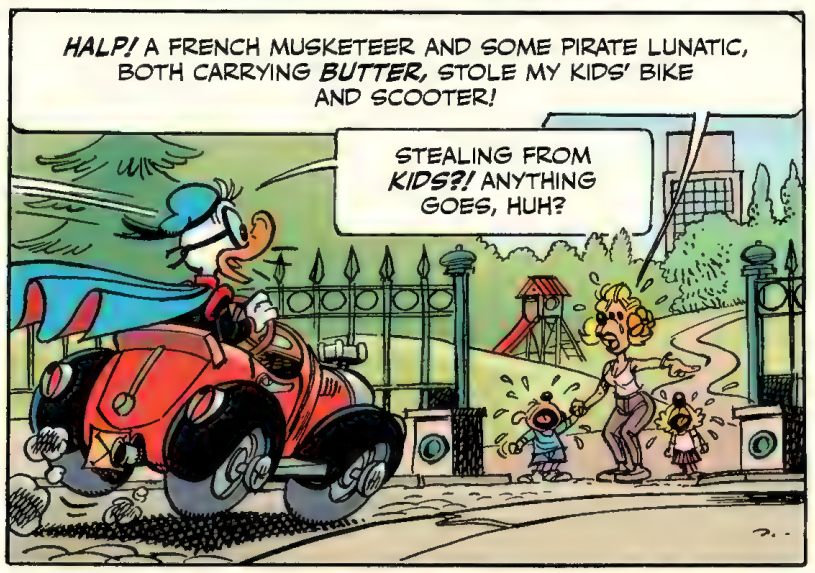
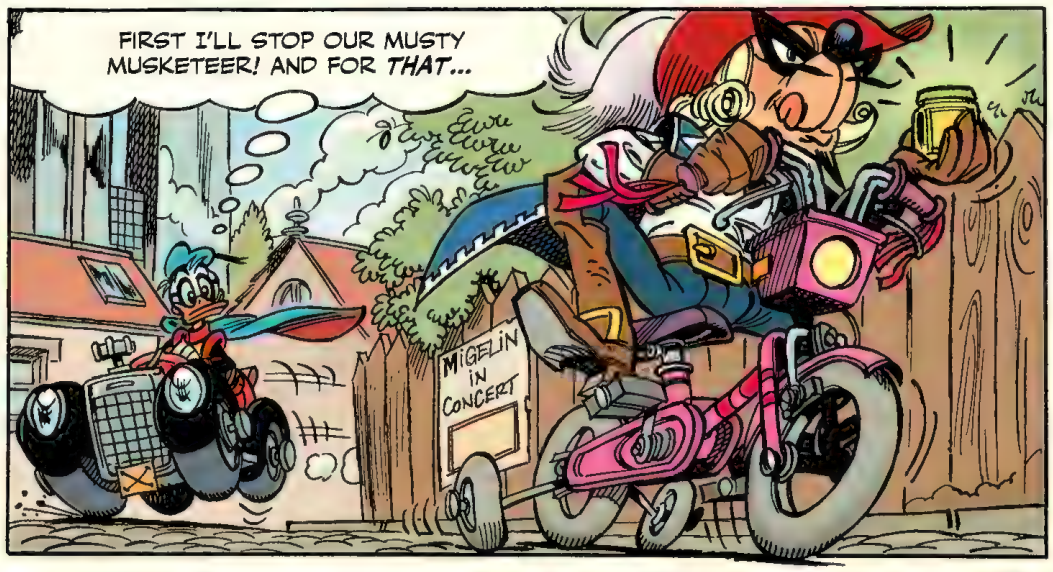
WHEN IT COMES TO JOB HUNTIN', ANYTHING GOES! NOW SPLIT UP!


HALP! A FRENCH MUSKETEER AND SOME PIRATE LUNATIC, BOTH CARRYING BUTTER, STOLE MY KIDS' BIKE AND SCOOTER!
STEALING FROM KIDS?! ANYTHING GOES, HUH?


FIRST I'LL STOP OUR MUSTY MUSKETEER! AND FOR THAT...
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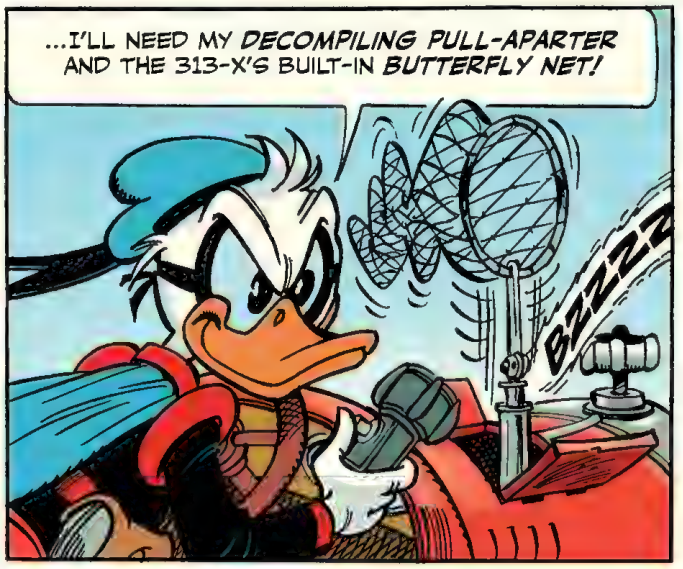
...I'LL NEED MY DECOMPILING PULL-APARTER AND THE 313-X'S BUILT-IN BUTTERFLY NET!
BZZZZ

KLIK!
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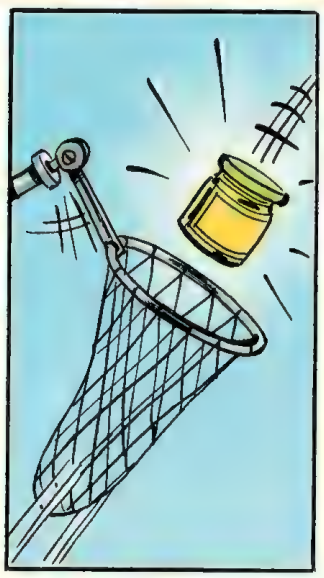
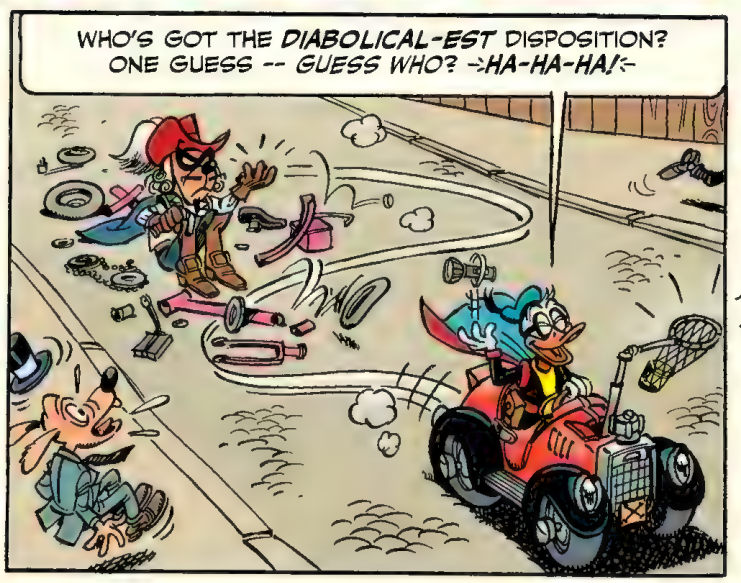
ZZZAPPP!




WHO'S GOT THE DIABOLICAL-EST DISPOSITION? ONE GUESS -- GUESS WHO? -:HA-HA-HA!:-

HUH?

NO!
OH NO!
BONG!
KLIK!

LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT STUCK WITH *ALL* THE BAD LUCK, MAC.

THREE BUTTER POTS DOWN, BUT DUCK AVENGER ISN'T DISCOURAGED. INSTEAD, HE GETS *CREATIVE!*

A *TRUE* HERO *NEVER* LEAVES HOME WITHOUT A *PARACHUTE!* *WAHOOO!*

I'VE HOISTED THE MAINSAIL, PIRATE! AN' NOW I'LL *KEELHAUL* YOU!

WHUH-OH! *TRAFFIC JAM!*

NO BIG, WHEN MY *EJECTOR SEAT* IS STILL OPERATIONAL!

SUPER GOOF, EAT YOUR HEART OUT!

BOING!

RED LIGHT? BUT I'M FAST IN FLIGHT!

SPLAT!
VROOM!
UM, YOU MISSED--
...THE BUS! YES, I KNOW!
HAR HAR! DROLL!
NO, I MEAN YOU MISSED *SUPER GOOF!* HE'S BEEN FLYING *LAPS* AROUND DUCKBURG AND MOUSETON, *HELPING* CITIZENS. BEFORE YOU *LANDED*...
...HE WAS ATOP *THAT* BUILDING!
TOYS
NEXT TIME, *SIGNAL* HIM AND *HE'LL* HELP YOU CATCH A BUS!
WHERE'S SUPER GOOF, MAMA?
-:GRR!:-
IT'S A *SCOOTER* I NEED TO CATCH!
CAR
AHA! NOW I'VE GOT THAT THIEVING OLEO ROVER WHERE I WANT HIM!
AND WITH A *SPRING* IN MY STEP...
TOING!
...I'LL STEP *UP*, STEP *OUT*, AN' FINALLY...
PLOMP!
...STEP ON! *ALL ABOARD!*
?!
THE BUTTER POT! *NOT AGAIN!*
BWAM!
POK!
SMASH!
!

OKAY...

NAME?

ADDRESS?

PROFESSION?

→SIGH!←

DONALD DUCK.

DUCKBURG.

UNEMPLOYED.

DONALD DUCK?

I *SWEAR* I'M NOT DUCK AVENGER! THIS IS A *COSTUME* FOR A *DELIVERY* JOB!

Pok!

SO YOU'RE *NOT* DUCK AVENGER, AND YOU SAY YOU *STOPPED A CROOK?*

I *STUMBLED* ONTO HIM AND THE OTHERS BY *CHANCE!* HONEST!

...THE OTHERS?!?

YEAH! THAT MASKED PIRATE LEADS A GANG OF *THEATER-BASED THIEVES!* THERE'S ALSO A GAULISH WARRIOR, A TEXAN COWBOY, AND AN *ILLEGALLY FRENCH* MUSKETEER!

I'MGETTINTOOOLD FORTHISONLYTHREE YEARSTORETIREMENT GRRMBLL

?

KNOCK! KNOCK!

THAT MASKED MALLARD'S TELLING THE TRUTH, BOSS! WE JUST ARRESTED THE REST OF THE GANG SCATTERED ACROSS THE CITY!

THE VIKING WAS CARRYING *THIS* JAR OF *BUTTER!*

YES! THE LAST POT!

POLICE

PECULIAR... A *FAKE* DUCK AVENGER ACTING LIKE THE *REAL* ONE!

FOLKS DO SAY CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN, CHIEF!

YES!

BOTULISM BLVD

TODAY RED RIDING HOOD GETS TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE FIRST!

ONGRATS!

U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT

COLORS BY CERISE

SLAM!

WHA' BIG EARS YOU HAVE...

BRAVO! WELCOME OUR WONDROUS WINNER...

THE BIG BAD MASKED WOLF!

THANKS FOR THE LIFT, SUPER GOOF! YOU WERE A GREAT MODE OF TRANSPORT!

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WE SUPERHEROES GOTTA STICK TOGETHER... SPESHULLY THOSE OF US WHO AIN'T SUPER! -:HYUCK!:-

WHAT A DAY! I FORGET MY MASK, MISS THE PRESENTATION, TAKE TOO LONG PICKING UP MY PETITE POT, BUT THEN BAM... THERE'S SUPER GOOF TO SAVE ME!

HOW DID YOU GET SO LUCKY... UH-OH.

GLADSTONE GANDER!!

THE LUCKIEST DUCK IN THE WHOLE DANGED WORLD!

HI. HAVE WE MET?

WELCOME TO "U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT," MR. GANDER! YOU'VE GOT THE JOB!

JOB?! THIS WAS ALL FOR WORK? EH...

...OKAY, SO THERE WERE THESE TINY JARS CALLED PETITE POTS, BECAUSE "U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT" BELIEVES IN BRINGING YOU BETTER BUTTER, BUT THERE WERE THESE THEATRE THIEVES, TWO OF WHOM WERE A WARRIOR AND A WRANGLER, AND I HAD TO CATCH 'EM CRAFTILY CAUSE I BROKE MY "U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT" BETTER-BUTTER PETITE POT, BUT THEY ALL HAD PETITE POTS, AND THE MUSKETEER MOOCHED A MOPED AND I MANACLED HIM, BUT MY CAR CRACKED INTO COUNTLESS COMPONENTS BEFORE I PURSUED THE PIRATE PRONTO, AND I SHOULDA ASKED SUPER GOOF TO SAVE ME TOO... AND THAT'S WHAT I CLAIMED TO THE COPS WHO HAD ME IN CUSTODY, BUT THEN THERE WAS GLADSTONE, ALL GUSSIED-UP AND GRABBING MY GIG AND--

HE'LL INVENT ANY EXCUSE TO AVOID WORK. EVEN WORK IS LESS WORK!

END of chapter 2!

Walt Disney

NIGHTFALL IN DUCKBURG! THE FULL MOON ILLUMINATES A SNOOZING CITY. YAWNING **MATHEMATICIANS** COUNT PRIME NUMBERS LIKE SHEEP. SLEEPING **SOAP SALESMEN** SCRUB THEMSELVES WITH COZY BEDSHEETS. SNORING **ACUPUNCTURISTS** MAKE POINTED EFFORTS TO DREAM. BUT THE **STRANGEST** BEDFELLOWS **STAY AWAKE** AT THE MODERN ART MUSEUM! ENLIGHTENED **ART LOVERS,** PERHAPS?

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR

DUCK AVENGER

FIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

POTHIER BATEM

CAN YOU *CLARIFY* YOUR *GOALS* FOR ME, MR. DUCK?...

BLOWHAR

HOTEL

MAM

ICE

KOLD FRESH

OKF

WHY ARE YOU APPLYING FOR THIS *NIGHT WATCHMAN* POSITION?

LET'S JUST SAY I'M *TIRED* OF LIVING *DAY* TO *DAY,* MR. CURATOR.

THAT, AND I'VE GOTTA PAY MY *RENT*...

Ceci n'est pas une tube.

STAFF ONLY

THIS JOB IS JUST *WANDERIN'* AROUND THE MUSEUM ALL NIGHT WITH A *FLASHLIGHT,* ISN'T IT? EASY-PEASY-LEMON-SQUEEZY!

YES. THAT'S CORRECT... BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL LAST? YOU ALREADY LOOK *DOG-TIRED...*

OH, I'M GOOD. I'VE BEEN *TRAINING* MYSELF... I'VE GONE TWO WEEKS WITHOUT SLEEPING AT NIGHT! I'M *MORE* THAN READY FOR THE JOB!

WELL -- AS WE AGREED, TONIGHT IS YOUR *TRIAL* RUN! IF ALL GOES WELL, YOU'LL HAVE THIS JOB FULL-TIME!

THANKS, MR. CURATOR!

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=>HEH-HEH!<= HE DOESN'T KNOW I *BORROWED* SOMETHING FROM *GRANDMA DUCK* THAT'LL HELP ME STAY AWAKE!

A *NEEDLE AND THREAD...* TO KEEP MYSELF BUSY *MENDING* THE DUCK AVENGER SUIT THAT I *TORE* ON MY LAST MISSION!

ONE THREADY HOUR LATER!

ALL THESE PAINTINGS *BLOW CHUNKS!*

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SHH!

NO, SERIOUSLY! A *SIX-YEAR-OLD* COULD *FINGER-PAINT* BETTER MONSTROSITIES THAN THESE!

BEAGLE BOYS!

SHH! *SHH!* *SHH!*

OY, WHAT A LIFE. IF THOSE GHOULS SWIPE A PAINTING OR A SCULPTURE, I'LL BE *FIRED* BEFORE I EVEN *GET* THIS JOB!

UNLESS...

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HUH.

REMEMBER LAST WEEK, WHEN WE *ACCIDENTALLY* BROKE INTO THAT *KINDERGARTEN?* I SHOULDA STOLEN THOSE KIDS' MACARONI DOODLES AN' PAWNED 'EM FOR BIG BUCKS!

QUIT GRIPIN', 671! TH' "OBJECTS D'ARTSIES" *HERE* ARE WORTH A *REAL* FORTUNE!

BOYS, WE'RE ABOUT TO HIT THE JACKPOT!

BEHOLD, MEN... *POINTILLISM!* IT'S GOTTA BE WORTH A MILLION!

AIN'T SHE A BEAUT?

IS *CASH* EVEN *IN* THIS BANK?

HEY, CHECK OUT *THIS* MESS! I CAN'T EVEN *DESCRIBE* IT! IS IT *WORTH* ANYTHING?

MAYBE IT'S A BIRD?

I'M THINKIN' *PLANE.*

NO, IT'S...

DUCK AVENGER!

LISTEN, BOYS... I WON'T *PRETEND* TO UNDERSTAND YOUR SUDDEN THIRST FOR BOUGIE CULTURE! BUT IT'S LATE, I'M *TIRED,* AND I HAVE *WORK* TO DO.

-=YAWN!=-

I PROPOSE WE *SKIP* OUR USUAL *ENDLESS CHASE* AND JUST *CUT* TO WHERE YOU FOLLOW ME TO THE POLICE STATION!

WHAT'S YOUR... *ANSWER?!*

KRITCH!

BAH! ANY TIME I HEAR THE WORD "*CULTURE*," I PULL OUT MY *GAT*!

OFF ONE O' THOSE *KINDERGARTENERS* LAST WEEK, BRO! *KEEP UP*!

THAT'S NO *GAT*, 167! WHERE'D YOU NICK IT, ANYWAY?

FSSHHHHH...

WELL. I GUESS I CAN SAY GOODBYE TO MY QUIET NIGHT.

-:YAWN! YAWN!:-

NOW, WHERE'D THOSE DOGGONE BEAGLES GO?

SPLOTCH

?

TAKE THAT, AVENGER!!

SPLOTCH! SPLOTCH! SPLOTCH! SPLOTCH!

AN' THAT!

AN' THAT!

AN' ESPECIALLY *THAT*!

PARDONNEZ-MOI, *SIRRAH*, BUT CONSIDERIN' YER PRESENCE IN *THIS* FINE DISESTABLISHMENT, I ASSYUME IT'S *SAFE* TO SAY *YOU* APPRECIATE...

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ABSTRACT ART! YES-NO?

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WHAT'S YER OPINION ON *THIS* ONE, MAC?

KRAAASHH!!

716-167

176-761

I KNOW A *DUCK* WHO JUST GOT HIS *PORTRAIT* "DONE-IN"! -:HA-HA!:-

KNOCK IT OFF, 716-167!

WE GOTTA FIND THE EXIT!

FOLLOW THE LEADER!

AND I KNOW A *JAILBIRD* WHO'S ABOUT TO GO *NAPPY-BYE!* SWEET DREAMS!

PSHHHT!

716-167

SOMNAMBU-SPRAY! IT'LL KNOCK YA CLEAN OUT!

LET'S GET *SERIOUS:* OPERATION *"BEAGLEBUSTER"* IS UNDERWAY!

ZZZZZZ

716-167

WHERE'S TH' EXIT? WHERE'S TH' EXIT? *WHERE'S TH' EXIT?*

MAYHAPS THERE IS A *GUARD* THAT WE COULD ASK?

PLOMP! PLOMP! PLOMP!

Y'ALL HEAR *THAT?* I THINK IT'S THE *AVENGER!*

"Y'ALL" *HEARD RIGHT...* NOW GET READY TO *FEEL WRONG!*

!!!

176-167

716

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PLOMP!

PLOM

MY *ANTI-GRAVITY GLOVES* GIVE ME THE POWER TO SAY: *"STOP HITTING YOURSELF! STOP HITTING YOURSELF!"*

BONK! BONK!

→GULP!← IT LOOKS LIKE *CURTAINS* FOR TH' DUCKBURG BRANCH OF BEAGLE BOYS, INC....

ROOF ACCESS STAIRS

...SO I'LL JUST *PRUNE* MYSELF *OFFA* TH' *BRANCH!* →*HAH!*←

716-167

HEY, *PRUNE-EATER!* IT'S *DIABOLICAL* HOW MUCH OF A *MENACE* I AM!

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NOPE! SORRY, D.A., BUT I'M JUMPMANNING MY WAY OUTTA THIS!

YER BEAGLE'S ON ANOTHER BUILDING!

PONK!

POP!

A LETTER-PERFECT ESCAPE... EVEN IF MY NAME'S A NUMBER!

KLIK!

ZZZZZZ

HELLO AGAIN, 176-167! YOU'VE JUST HAD A "GO" WITH MY S.T.O.P.L.I.G.H.T.! IT SHOOTS A STUNNING TINT OF PARALYSIS, LARRUPING IGNORANT GROSS HOOLIGANS TOOT-SUITE!

CLICK THE RED BUTTON... HOORAY, YOU'RE FROZEN! CLICK THE GREEN BUTTON... BOO, YOU'RE UNFROZEN!

THE ONLY DOWNSIDE IS THAT THE BUTTONS ARE SUPER SEN--

KLIK!

ZZZZZZ

FLAP! FLAP! FLAP! FLAP!

KLAK!

ZZZZ

--SITIVE!

FLAP! FLAP! FLAP! FLAP!

BUT DON'T WORRY! ONCE I UNFREEZE YOU DOWN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, YOU WON'T REMEMBER A THING...

...SINCE THE S.T.O.P.L.I.G.H.T. ALSO INCLUDES A BONUS MEMORY WIPE!

CHIEF! CHIEF! BEAGLE BOYS AT THE MUSEUM!

I HAVEN'T TIME FOR JOKES, JOE. THERE'S WORK TO DO.

NO JOKE, CHIEF! DUCK AVENGER CAUGHT THEM RED-HANDED, DEFACING WORKS OF ART!

THANKS FOR DOING OUR JOB, D.A.!

THAT D.A.! HE'S AN ARTIST IN HIS FIELD!

BACK AT THE MUSEUM!

GREAT FLAMING CATWHISKERS! THIS IS THE WORST!

THOSE DIMBULB BEAGLES DESTROYED EVERYTHING!

IF I DON'T GET IT LOOKING NORMAL BEFORE THE CURATOR RETURNS... NOT ONLY WILL HE FIRE ME, BUT HIS BILL FOR DAMAGES WILL MAKE ME A PAUPER!

FIRST: CLEAN-UP!

THERE'S SOMETHIN' IRONIC ABOUT ME USING THE UNPAID JOB I'M GOOD AT TO PROTECT THE PAYING JOB I'M BAD AT!

VRDOLJAK

SEVERAL HOURS PASS...

CLEANING'S DONE, BUT I'VE WORN MYSELF OUT...

...AND I'VE *STILL* GOTTA *REPAIR* ALL THE ARTWORK! OH ME, OH MY!

ONLY ONE SOLUTION: A QUICK TRIP *HOME* FOR THE TOOLS I'LL NEED TO SAVE MYSELF!

OOP! BETTER HURRY! DAY IS BREAKING!

GO, DONNY, GO! I CAN DO THIS QUICKLY...

UNLESS...

SCREECH!

->*RRRAAAGH!!*<- STUPID *NEIGHBOR JONES!* OF *COURSE* THAT NITWIT WOULD *SORT TRASH* AT THIS HOUR...

...MEANING I CAN'T *PARK OUT FRONT* WITHOUT HIM *CATCHING* ME!

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AND SINCE HE'S *TERRIBLE* AT SORTING, HE'LL BE THERE FOR *HOURS!*

->SIGH!<- IT'S SO EASY. *GLASS* GOES IN THE *BLUE* BIN...

MAYBE THE PROBLEM IS THAT JONES ALWAYS *SEES RED!*

C'MON! ->*PANT!*<- ONE MORE PUSH... ->*PANT! PUFF!*<- I GOT THIS!

->*PANT!*<-

->*PUFF!*<-

WHEW!

MY AVENGER LAIR. I *MADE* IT.

PASTE!

-:PANT!:-

TAPE!

-:PUFF!:-

SUPER GLUE!

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE BOYS' *BICYCLE PUMP!*

TO THE MUSEUM!

AND I'LL LITERALLY *JET* MY WAY THERE, USING THE *SPEED BOOSTERS* GYRO INSTALLED ON THE 313-X!

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FLAUNT IT

MUSTN'T FALL...

UHHH... *ASLEEP...*

HOLD ON...

I GOTTA...

KEEP...

FLYING!

U-BUTTER BELIEVE IT

Better Butter Brought to you

HOW LUCKY!

FULL SPEED AHEAD!

HURRY...

HURRY... UPPPP...

PFF! PFF! PFF!

PUMP! PUMP! PUMP!

BINGO.

CAN'T... FORGET TH' PAINTING...

YA MAY HAFTA BE A GENIUS TO *PAINT* THESE... BUT NOT... TO FIX 'EM...

DOUBLE BINGO!

NOW TO CH...

CHANGE MY...

YES!

TRIPLE BINGO!

YOU DID IT, DON. YOU WON. *'RAY.*

THE JERB IS *YOOUURRRS...*

PFT!

FIVE SAD MINUTES LATER...

MORNIN', MR. DUCK! SEE, YA DON'T GOTTA BE SOME ***OVER-THE-TOP SUPERHERO*** JUST TO ***DO YOUR JOB!***

THE ONLY THING YA GOTTA DO... IS ***STAY AWAKE!***

Z ZZZ ZZZZZZZZ

END of chapter 3!

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POTHIER - BATEM.

OH! IS IT THE END OF THE WORLD ALREADY? WELL, DOWNTOWN DUCKBURG AND ITS SISTER CITY, MOUSETON, ARE BOTH **FRYING** IN A HORRIBLE **HEATWAVE**... AND THEY'RE ALSO **CHILLED** BY HORDES OF **FROZEN ZOMBIES** STAGGERING THE STREETS, PANICKING THE POPULACE! SO, YEAH... IT IS WHAT IT IS!

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR

DUCK AVENGER

BONBONS AND ZOMBIES AND FANS?! OH, MY!

NEW EXHIBIT AT M.A.M.

CHK! CHT!

CHK! CHT! CHKT!

ODDLY ENOUGH, IN THE **SUBURBS**, THE WORKWEEK IS STARTING OUT SWIMMINGLY!

ER... FOR **MOST** PEOPLE...

UNCA DONALD! UNCA DONALD!

UNCA DONALD!!

?!

UHWHU... WHAT TH' DUMDOODLE?!?

FINALLY! GET UP, UNCA!

BANDITS! THUGS! THIEVES! RASCALS! WHICH ONE O' YOU GOOFBALL MICROBES HAD THE DUMB IDEA OF MOVING MY BED ONTO THE LAWN WHILE I WAS ASLEEP?

IT WASN'T US, UNCA DONALD...

...IT WAS HIM!

I AM SIMON LEGREASY, YOUR ASSESSOR.

GOOD MORN TO YOU, MR. DUCK.

TWO ROCKS, THREE FLOWERS...

ASSESS-- MY FURNITURE!!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

MAKING A LIST OF ALL THE ITEMS WE'RE SEIZING. IT'S FAIRLY OBVIOUS.

DOOR... DOORMAT... GAUDY PAINTING OF A RACCOON...

W-WHAT? WHY?! I DON'T GET IT!

THE HONORABLE MR. SCROOGE McDUCK HAS MANDATED ME TO EVICT YOU. I'LL NEED TO SEIZE ALL YOUR BELONGINGS...

...PAJAMAS INCLUDED!

WE'LL BE DONE SHORTLY, SO NO WORRY. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS YOUR LOCKED ARMOIRE.

BUT THAT ARMOIRE HIDES THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO MY AVENGER LAIR!

YIPES!

STOP!

NOBODY TOUCHES MY ARMOIRE! THIS WHOLE SEIZURE IS ILLEGAL!

TIME IS LEGALITY, MR. DUCK...

...AND YOU'RE BEHIND SCHEDULE.

BACK! OFF!

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FACE FACTS. YOU STAND ACCUSED OF SQUATTING FOR YEARS ON MR. McDUCK'S PROPERTY FOR FREE. HE HAS GROUNDS TO TAKE THIS TO TRIAL!

AND WHO SAYS I'M GONNA LOSE, BOOTLICKER?!

UNCA DONALD, TO WIN, YOU'LL HAFTA PAY UNCA SCROOGE YOUR BACK RENT...

...AND TO PAY YOUR BACK RENT, YOU NEED A JOB...

...BUT YOU'VE FAILED AS A MAILMAN, A HOUSE PAINTER, A BUILDER, A ROAD WORKER...

...A BOUNCER, A PIANO MOVER...

...A DELIVERY BOY, A MUSEUM GUARD...

EVERYBODY OUT NNNOOOWWW!!!

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I'VE GOT A NEW JOB! TODAY IS MY FIRST DAY! I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU!

YEAH, RIGHT. SEE YOU LATER.

DON'T LET ANYONE TOUCH MY ARMOIRE WHILE I'M GONE. AFTER WORK, I'LL GO TRY TO REASON WITH UNCLE SCROOGE!

YOU?!

REASON? WITH HIM?!?!

DO WORMS REASON WITH THE EARLY BIRD?

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BUILDING'S *CLOSED*, DONALD! IT'S A SAD AFF*AIR!*

CLOSED? B-BUT I WAS SUPPOSED TO *START WORK* TODAY, MR. BLOWHARD!

SALES HAVE *PLUMMETED*. I'M CLOSING UP SHOP. GO HOME AND DESP*AIR!*

OFFICE

NO MORE FANS, BLADES, OR GRILLES! LIFE IS UNF*AIR!*

BUT *WHY?* IT'S *MIDSUMMER* AND HOTTER THAN THE DEVIL'S ARMPITS!

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SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF BREEZE!

I THOUGHT YOUR FANS WERE FLYING OFF THE SHELVES! AND THEY *WORK*, RIGHT? DID THEY BLOW YOUR CUSTOMERS OUT OF TOWN?

NO! I'M DOOMED BECAUSE THAT *CANDY FACTORY* SET UP SHOP NEXT DOOR. BEHOLD... EVIL'S L*AIR!*

KOLD FRESH

(KANDIEZ)

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HUH? WHY SHOULD *BONBONS* CUT INTO *FAN* SALES?

HERE! *TASTE* ONE AND YOU'LL *SEE* WHY WE'RE IN DISREP*AIR!*

THESE *"KOLD-FRESH KANDIEZ"* ARE REVOLUTION*AIRY*... LIKE IT SAYS ON THE BOX, *"JUST ONE GIVES YOUR WHOLE BODY AN ONGOING SENSATION OF CONSTANT COOL!"* HEAT WAVE? AU CONTR*AIRE*!

HOLY HECKIN' HONKS! I-I'M ACTUALLY *CHILLY!* THIS IS... THIS IS *WILD!*

AND *ODD!* THE FACTORY POPPED UP *OVERNIGHT*... CONSTRUCTED IN JUST A FEW SHORT HOURS. WHO COULD BE *RICH* ENOUGH TO BUILD WITH SUCH FL*AIR?*

DING!

GREETINGS, MASTER DONALD! WHAT ILL WIND BLEW *YOU* HERE?

NO WIND FROM A *FAN,* QUACKMORE!

SCRAM!

NO!

BEAT IT, MAC!

WHERE'S GREEDY McMISER? I *KNOW* HE'S BEHIND THAT CANDY FACTORY, AND I'M A-HANKERIN' TO SHUT 'ER DOWN!

I'M AFRAID THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE,* MASTER DONALD!

YOU SEE, MR. McDUCK HAS BEEN *AWAY...*

...FOR *SEVERAL WEEKS!*

HE HAS RETURNED TO THE *KLONDIKE!* SPECIFICALLY, A TOWN BY THE NAME OF *BEATKOYN.* HE'D HEARD OF A NEW *GOLD RUSH* SPRINGING UP THERE, AND WANTED IN ON ITS *GENESIS.*

I CAN ASSURE YOU HE HASN'T BUILT ANY FACTORIES SINCE THEN!

WELL... IF IT AIN'T *HIM,* IT'S HIS *WANNABE!*

MASTER ROCKERDUCK?

SORRY, ANIMAL QUACKERS. HE'S BEEN *GONE* FOR MAYBE...

TWO MONTHS?

WHADDAYA *MEAN,* JEEVES?

I MEAN HE SCOOTED OFF TO THE *KLONDIKE* ON *YET ANOTHER* MISSION TO HORSEWHIP McDUCK AT HIS OWN GAME! SOME NOWHERESVILLE CALLED BEATKOYN? SOMETHING ABOUT A GOLD RUSH, MAYBE? I COULDN'T CARE LESS.

AND SO!

TIME TO FIND OUT *WHO* PUT ME OUT OF WORK!

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR *DUCK AVENGER!*

BUT FIRST I'LL *BEAT* THIS BLASTED *HEAT!* I'LL DOWN THIS ENTIRE *BOX* OF KOLD-FRESH KANDIEZ AND BE COOL ALL *DAY!*

KF

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CHKCHTCHKT! CHATTER!! CHKTCHK!

EEEEE

THANKS TO *YOU,* MY HUSBAND'S TURNED INTO A *ZOMBIE!*

YOU CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE? AN' IT'S NOT *MY* FAULT! HE MUSTA ATE THE *WHOLE BOX* AT ONCE! THAT'S GOTTA BE IT!

GROCERIES

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KF

THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY *SIDE EFFECTS* IF YOU TAKE TOO MANY!

KOLD-FRESH KANDIEZ! WHUH-OH...

SO NOT ONLY HAS THAT FACTORY LEFT ME *BROKE* AND *DESTITUTE,* BUT NOW THEIR *CANDIES* ARE GONNA *TRANSFORM* ME INTO SOME KINDA *FRIGID REVENANT?!*

HELP!

CHK! CHT!

CHATTER!

THERE'S ONLY *ONE* CHICKEN WHO CAN HELP ME FIND A CURE...

CHKTCHK! CHATTER!

CHK! CHT!! CHK!

GYRO GEARLOOSE!

INVENTOR OF ANYTHING

KRAZY PRICES

GYRO! QUICK! IT'S THE CANDIES! THEY'RE–

I KNOW! *I KNOW!* IT'S ALL *MY* FAULT!

I CREATED THEM... BUT I NAMED THEM "BREEZY BONBONS!" THE FORMULA MUST'VE BEEN STOLEN FROM MY HOUSE WHILE I WAS AWAY AT I.D.G.I.T. (THE INVENTORS' DEBUT GALA IN TORONTO)!

BRR...

I DIDN'T NOTICE THE THEFT AT FIRST, BECAUSE I'D DISCARDED THE FORMULA! I CHUCKED IT ONTO THAT PILE OF FAILED INVENTION PLANS!

CHATTER!

BUT NO WORRIES, AVENGER! HERE'S THE ANTIDOTE!

READY? BREATHE!

CHK! CHT! CHK!

CHKCHAAAAHHHH...

THANKS, GYRO! UNTIL I OVERDOSED, THAT CANDY FORMULA WAS PRETTY COOL!

TOO BAD BEING STOLEN MADE IT HOT! RIMSHOT!

HA! OKAY, I'M OFF TO THAT FACTORY TO PUT SKIDMARKS ON THOSE CRIMINAL CONFECTIONS!

PERFECT! SEIZE THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION!

INVENTOR of ANYTHING

I'LL SEIZE IT AND SQUEEZE IT! WHATEVER SAVES THE CITIZENS OF OUR SILLY CITY!

TIME TO MARK THE MARKS!

FRESH

BUT FIRST I'LL GET PAST THAT FENCE...

KANDIEZ

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BICOLOR BLOWTORCH PEN, I LOVE YOU! YOU MELT THAT METAL LIKE MY VENGEFUL HEART!

LET'S DO THIS!

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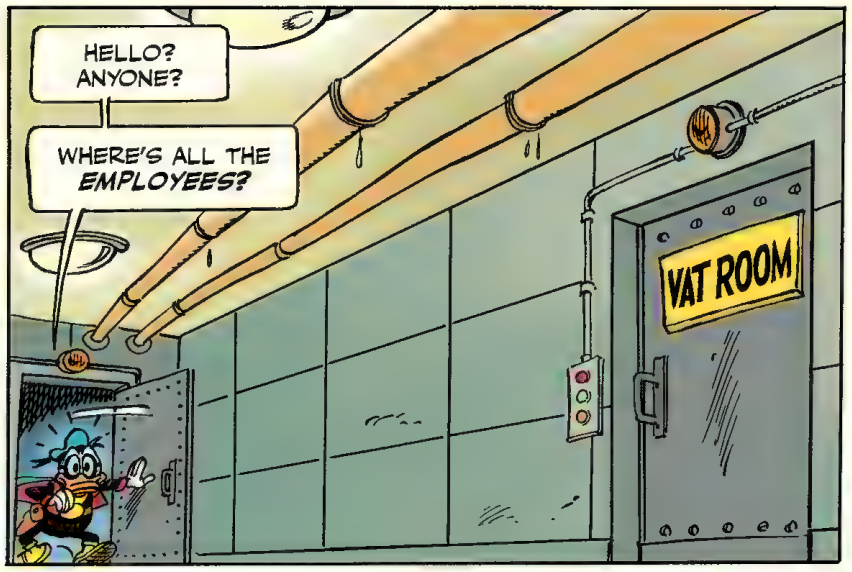
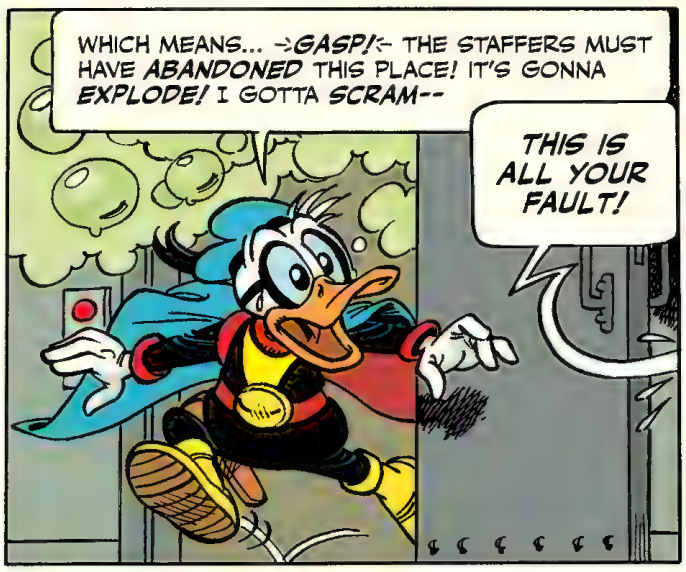
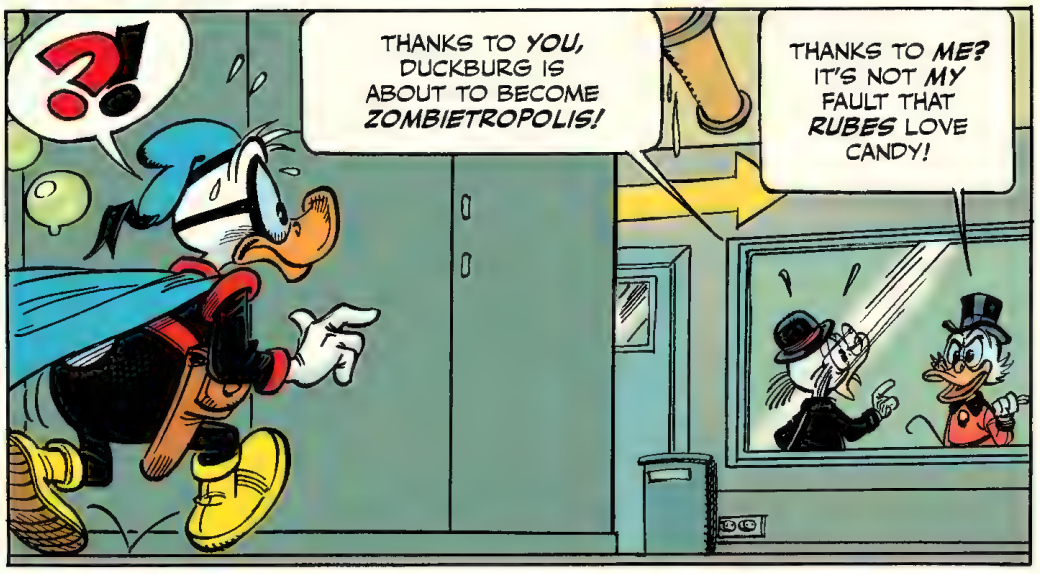

HELLO? ANYONE?
WHERE'S ALL THE EMPLOYEES?
VAT ROOM

EEWWW! THE VATS ARE ALL OVERFLOWING!


WHICH MEANS... →GASP!← THE STAFFERS MUST HAVE ABANDONED THIS PLACE! IT'S GONNA EXPLODE! I GOTTA SCRAM--
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!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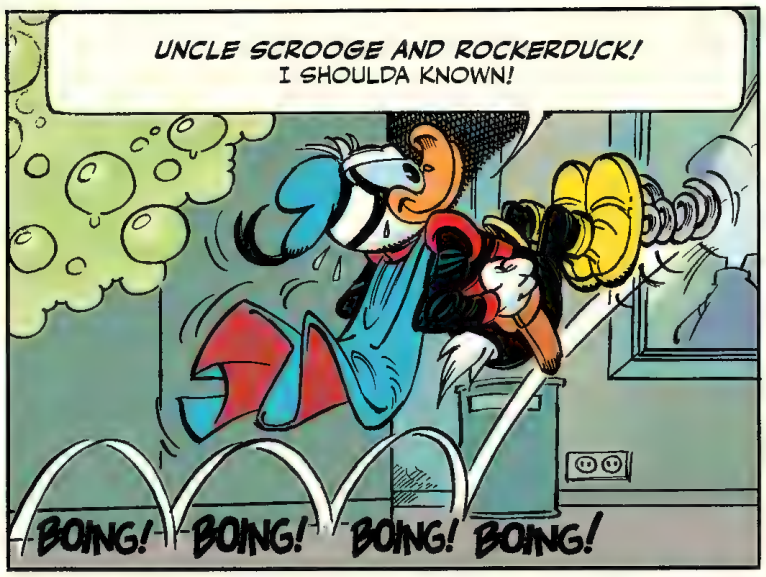
THANKS TO YOU, DUCKBURG IS ABOUT TO BECOME ZOMBIETROPOLIS!
THANKS TO ME? IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT RUBES LOVE CANDY!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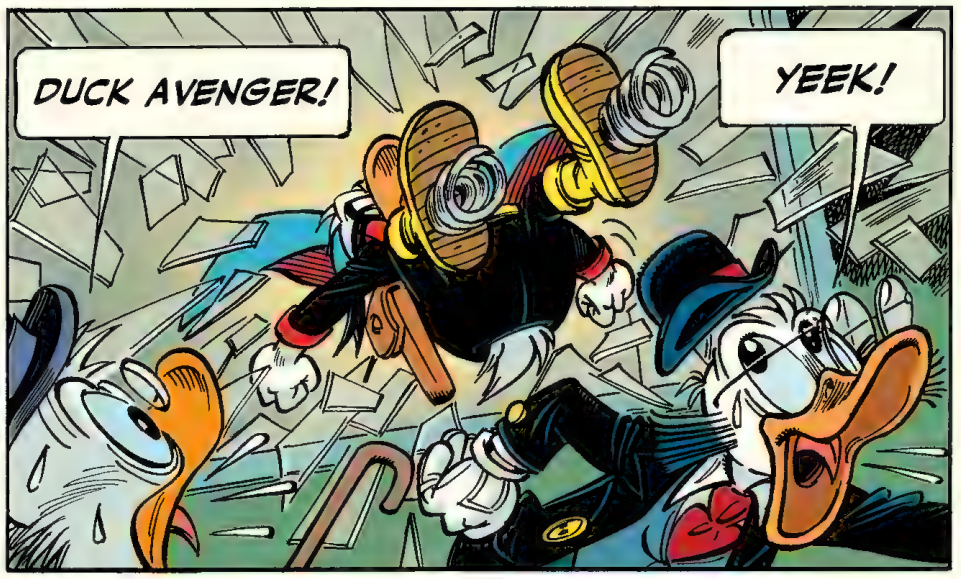
BOING! BOING! BOING! BOING!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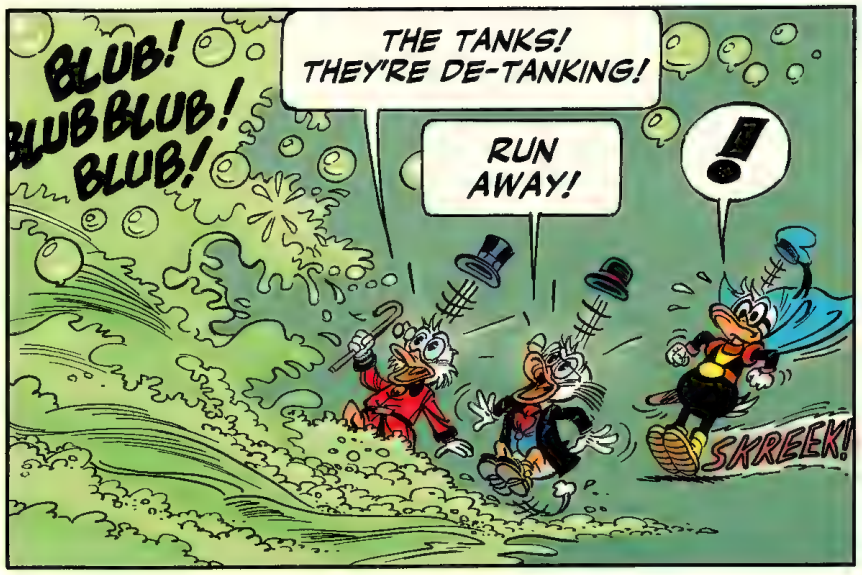
BLUB! BLUBBLUB! BLUB!
THE TANKS! THEY'RE DE-TANKING!
RUN AWAY!
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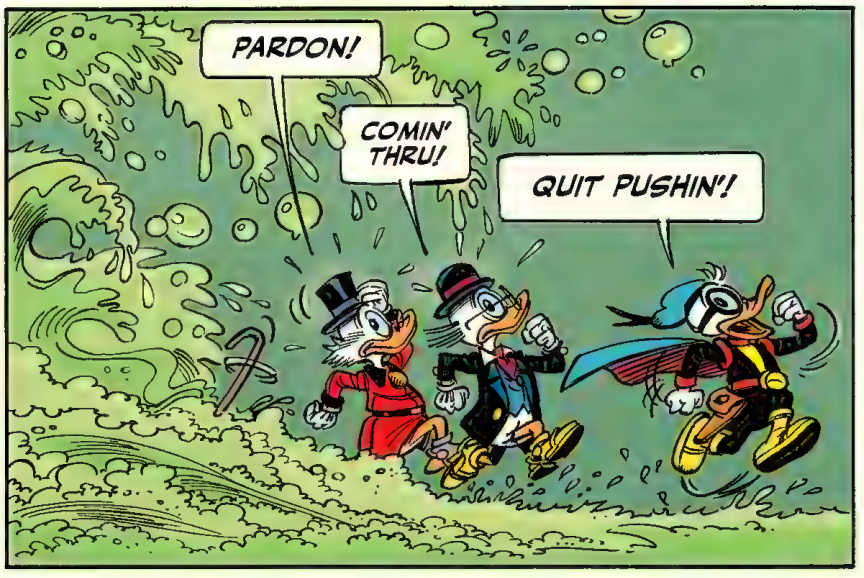
SKREEK!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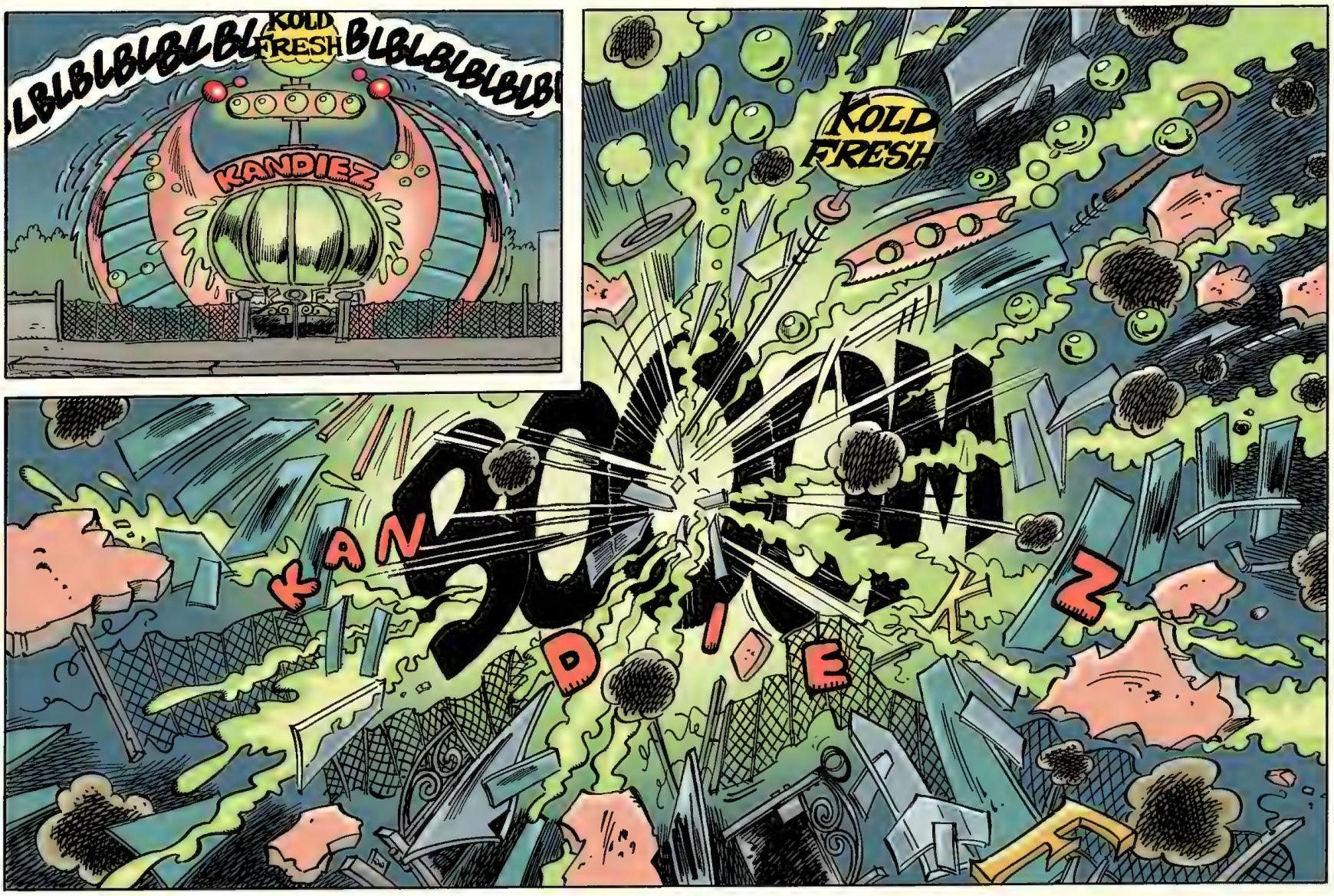
COMIN' THRU!
QUIT PUSHIN'!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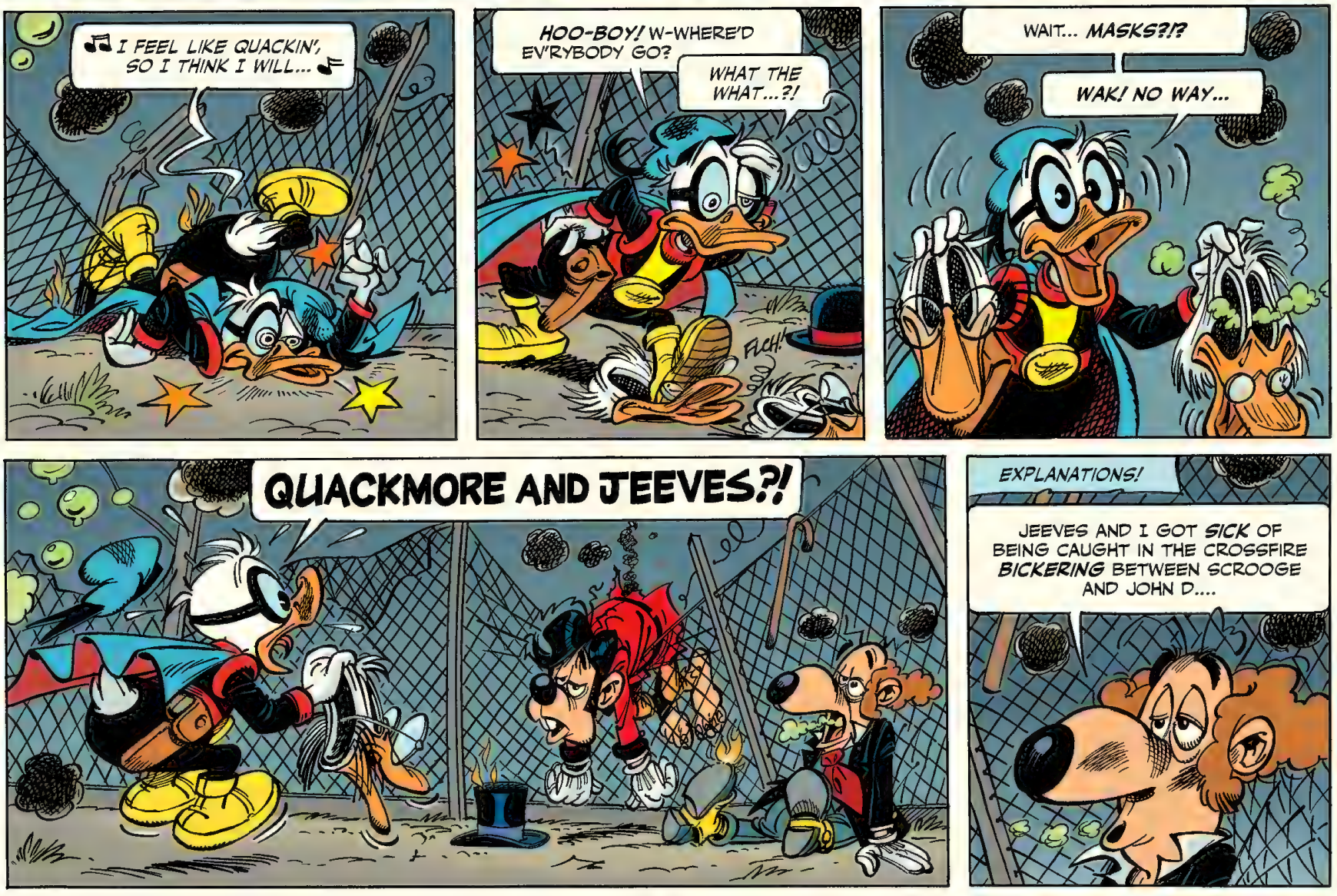
I FEEL LIKE QUACKIN', SO I THINK I WILL...
HOO-BOY! W-WHERE'D EV'RYBODY GO?
WHAT THE WHAT...?!
FLCH!
WAIT... MASKS?!?
WAK! NO WAY...
QUACKMORE AND JEEVES?!
EXPLANATIONS!
JEEVES AND I GOT SICK OF BEING CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE BICKERING BETWEEN SCROOGE AND JOHN D....

"...SO WE AIMED TO BUILD A **CORPORATE JOINT VENTURE** THAT WOULD **FORCE** THEM TO GET ALONG! FOR THAT, WE NEEDED A **REVOLUTIONARY PRODUCT** TO SELL. SO WE WENT TO GYRO'S... HE WASN'T HOME, BUT HIS DOOR WAS UNLOCKED! WE STUMBLED ONTO HIS CANDY RECIPE..."

OHOHO! WHEN SCROOGE AN' ROCKY FIND OUT ABOUT **THIS,** THEY'RE GONNA PUNT YOU TWO INTO GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT!

HAVE MERCY! IF YOU **TELL** THEM, WE'LL BE OUT ON THE **STREET!**

?

WE'RE ALREADY ASHAMED OF WREAKING HAVOC ACROSS DUCKBURG! I **CAN'T** GO BACK TO **SKID ROW!**

->SIGH!<- FINE. I KNOW YOU AREN'T **EVIL,** SO TAKE SOME **COCO NONOS** -- MY MEMORY-ERASING CANDIES -- AND YOU'LL **FORGET** YOU EVER **STARTED** THIS BOONDOGGLE!

THANK YOU, DUCK AVENGER!

NEXT MORNING!

THAT CONTAINER IS FILLED WITH **ZOMBIE ANTIDOTE,** BUT HOW DO WE **DISPERSE** IT ACROSS THE COUNTY?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! GET IN!

BACK IN BUSINESS! THIS IS BETTER THAN A FUN**FAIR!**

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AND SO, THANKS TO GYRO'S ANTIDOTE **AND** MR. BLOWHARD'S **FANS,** DUCKBURG AND MOUSETON ARE **CURED** IN A COORDINATED GUST OF WIND...

VRRRRRRR

CH...

CHT!

CHKTCH...

LIBRA

INCREDIBLE! YOU SAY YOU PROTECTED MY MONEY BIN FROM CANDY-EATING ZOMBIES?

GIT!

ADIOS!

FLEE!

NO!

NAY!

IT WAS YOUR ***NEPHEW, DONALD,*** WHO WARNED ME YOUR BIN WAS IN DANGER!

AVENGER, ASK FOR ***ANY*** FAVOR AND IT'S ***YOURS.***

EXCEPT ***MONEY.*** OBVIOUSLY.

OKAY.. WELL, HOW ABOUT ***NOT*** TAKING YOUR NEPHEW TO ***COURT?*** AND GIVING UP ON MAKING HIM PAY RENT!

EXCEPT ***THOSE*** TOO!

FINE. THEN I CHANGED YOUR BIN ***LOCKS*** AND YOU CAN'T ACCESS YOUR MONEY, STARTING NOW.

WHADDAYA KNOW! SUDDENLY I WON'T SUE DONALD AND I'LL LET HIM LIVE IN HIS HOUSE RENT-FREE!

HERE'S THE KEY!

THANKEE!

QUACKMORE, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT HOKUM ABOUT ***ZOMBIE CANDIES?***

WHO KNOWS, SIR. THIS ENTIRE CITY IS INSANE.

THE NEXT DAY...

BUT I WAS JUST FOLLOWING ***ORDERS!***

AN' I'M ***ORDERING*** MY ***FIST*** NOT TO SLUG YOU IN THE SNOOT. ***SCRAM!***

AND A FEW DAYS LATER!

EAT UP, BOYS! I'M OFF TO ***WORK!***

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!?

UNCA DONALD DOESN'T HAFTA PAY RENT!

YET AWAY HE GOES TO THE COAL MINES...

...WEARING A ***SMILE?!?***

HE'S HIDING SOMETHING!

FOLLOW HIM!

HEY!

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DONALD DUCK? YES, HE WORKS UPSTAIRS!

AND WHAT DOES HIS JOB INVOLVE, EXACTLY?

OH, DONALD HANDLES A VITAL AFFAIR...

...FOR WHICH HE IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED, I DAIR SAY.

I KNOW SOME FOLKS CALL HIM AIRROGANT...

...BUT TESTING FANS KEEPS HIM OUT OF EVERYONE'S HAIR!

!

ZZZ

THE END

MR. BLOWHARD, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU SELL FANS, BUT DID YOU KNOW YOU CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZE THE WORD "AIR" WHENEVER YOU TALK?
→EEP!← I DO?! I... THINK I NEED TO SEE MY DOCTAIR!
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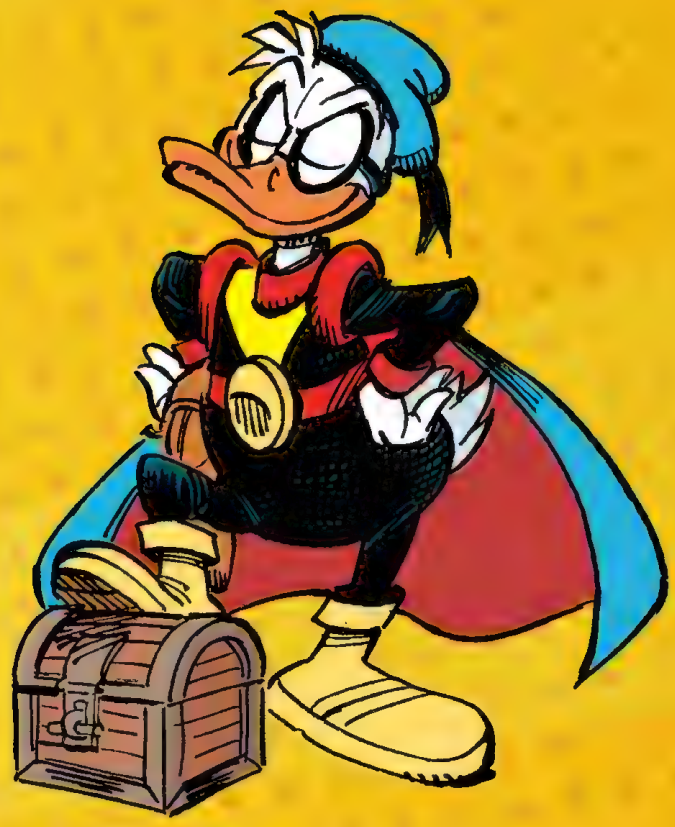

"OF HIRINGS AND FIRINGS"... AND FIENDS!

"BONBONS AND ZOMBIES AND FANS, OH MY!"

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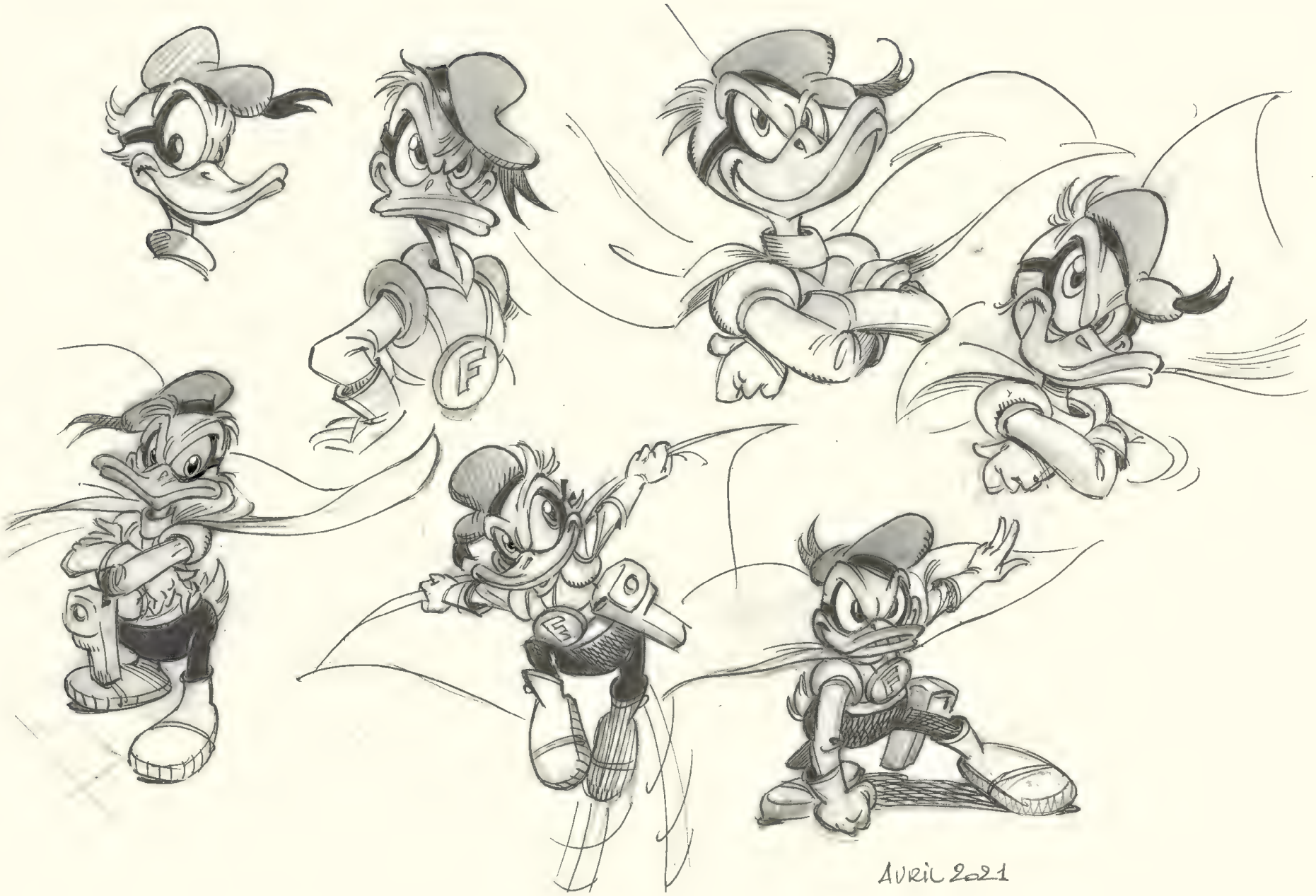
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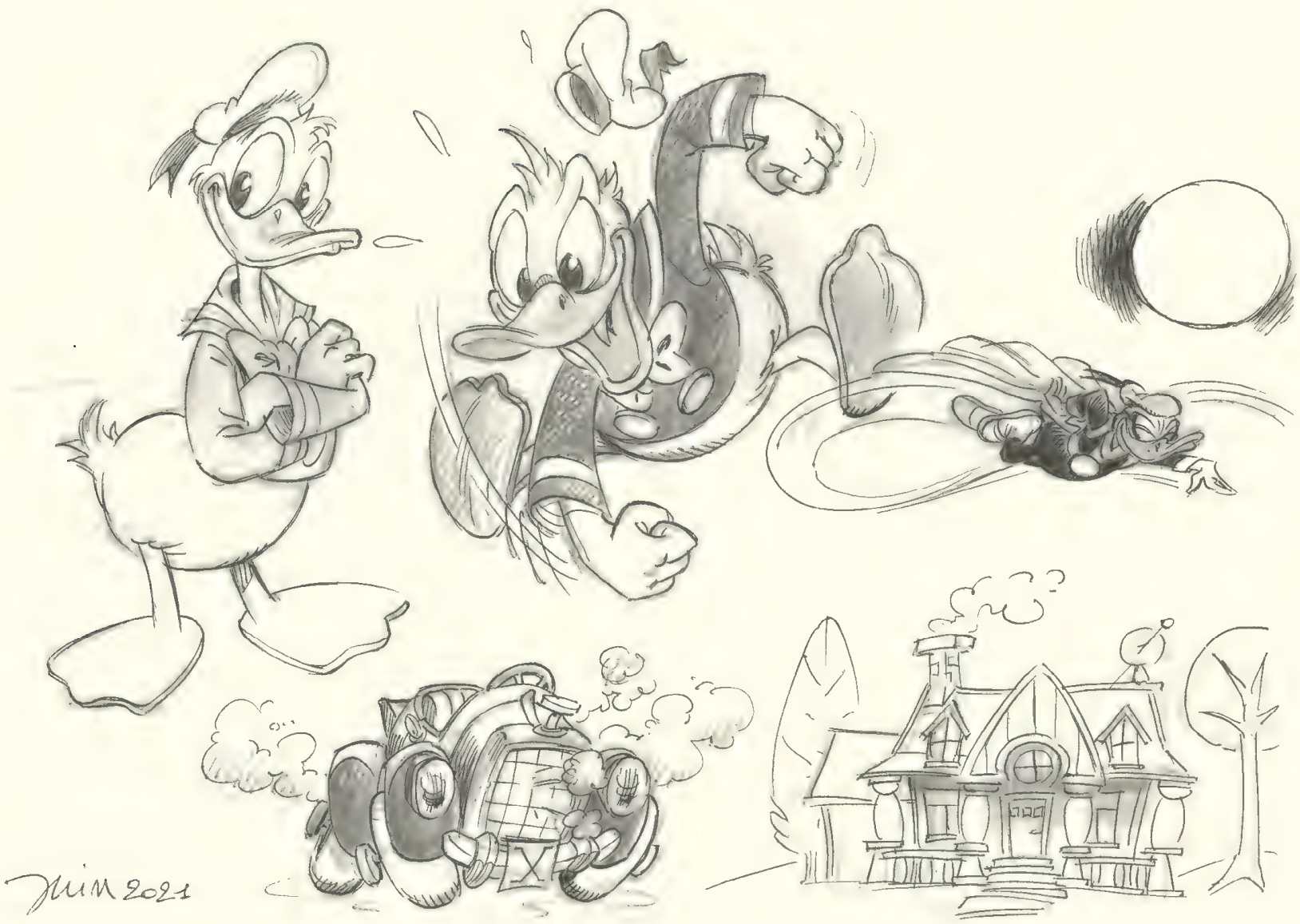
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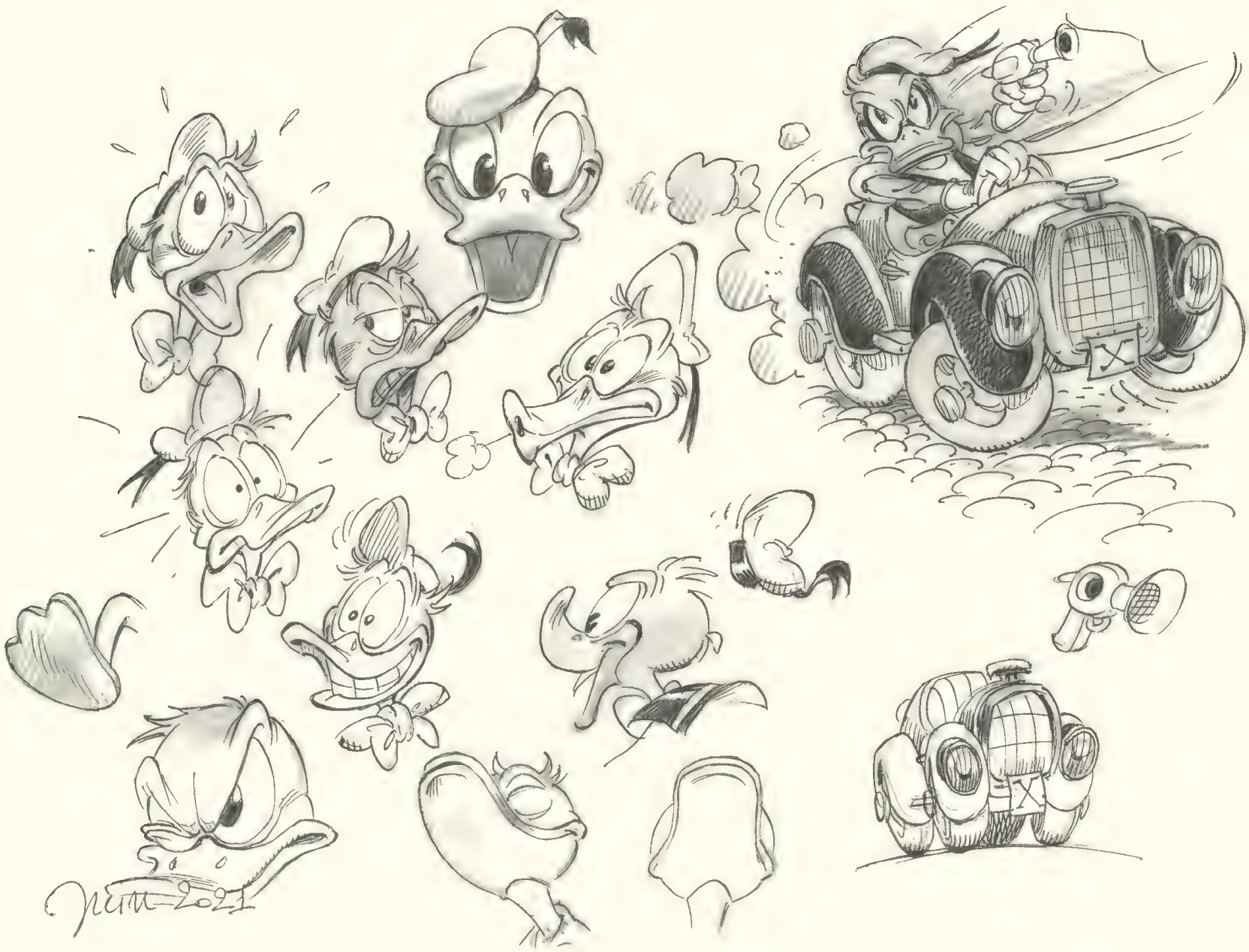
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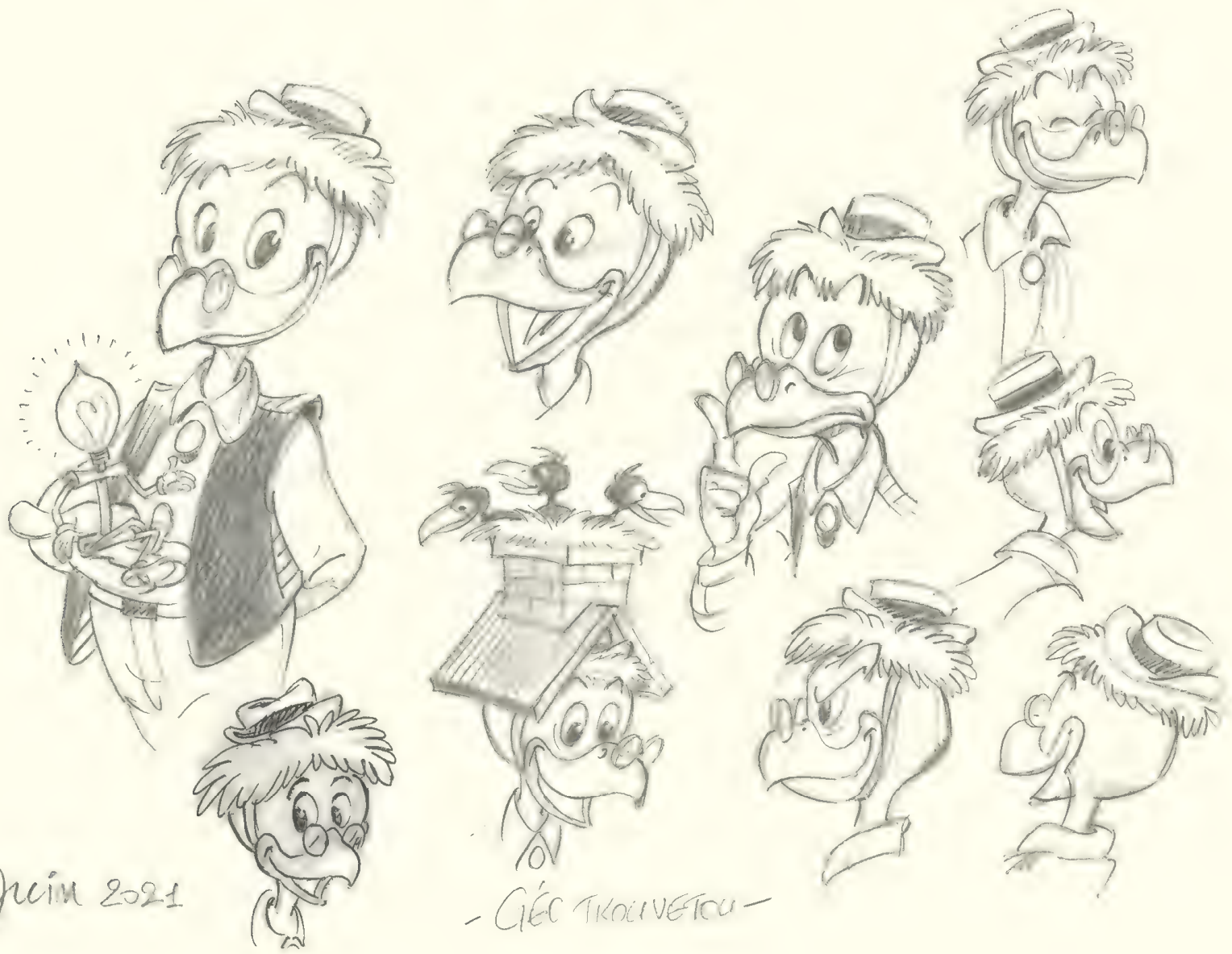
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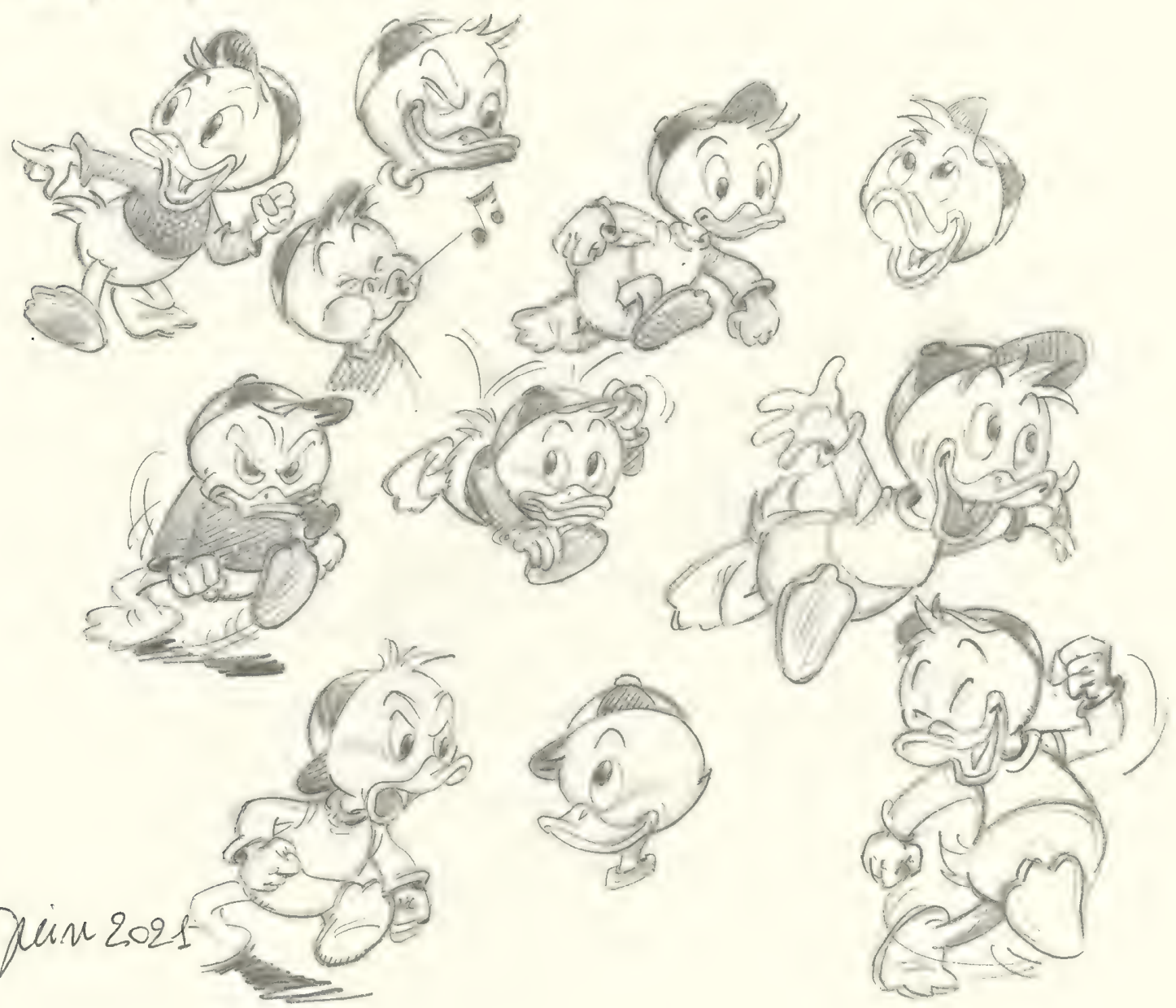

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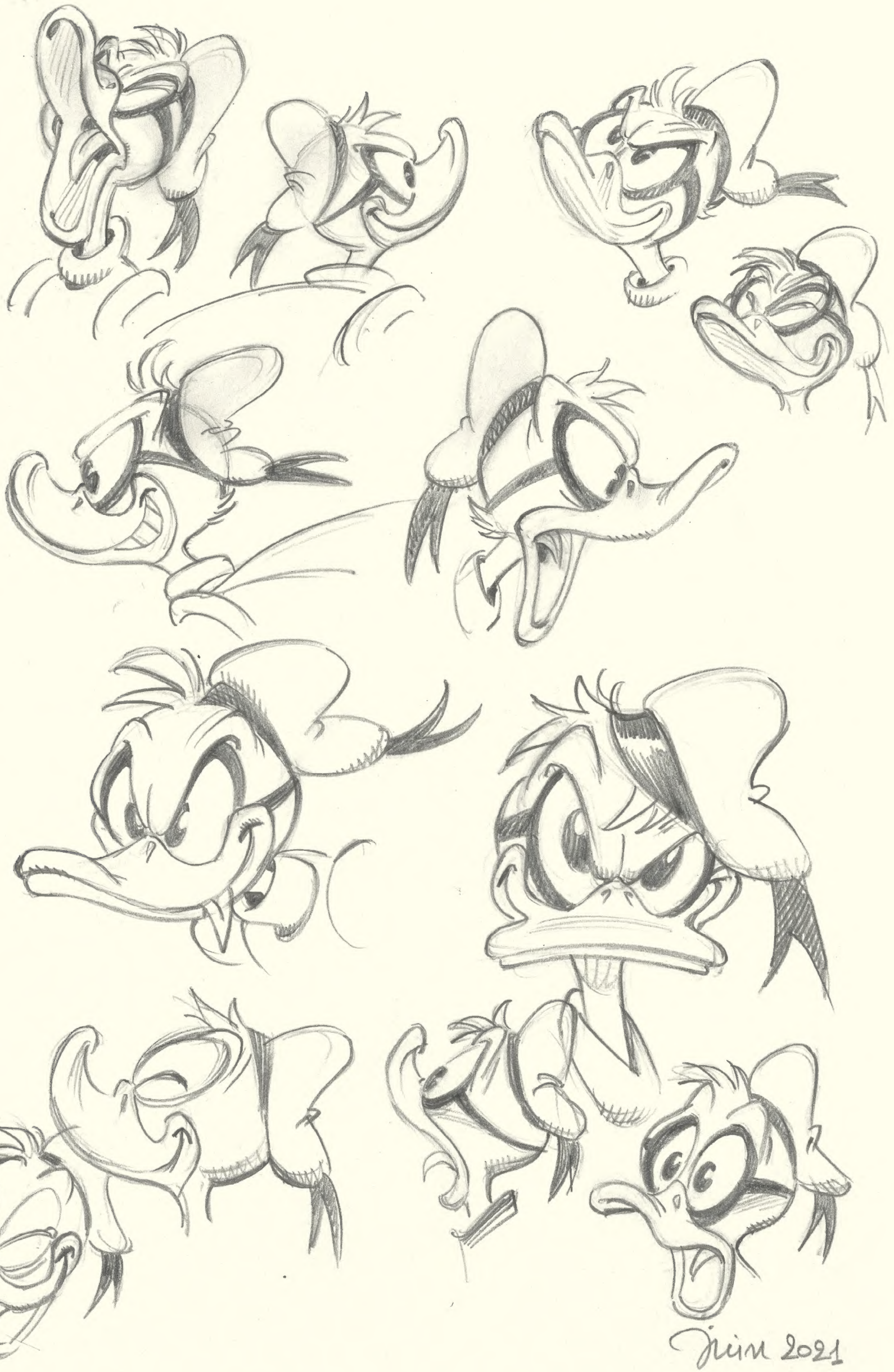
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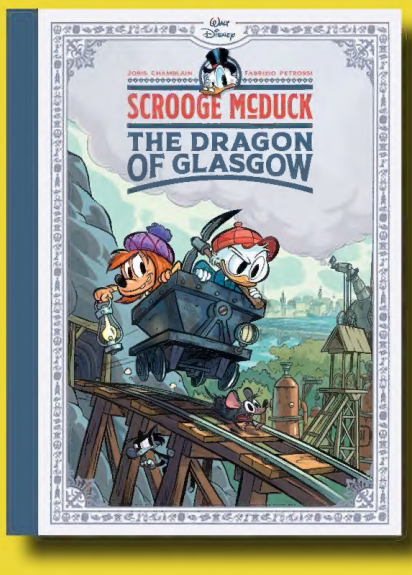

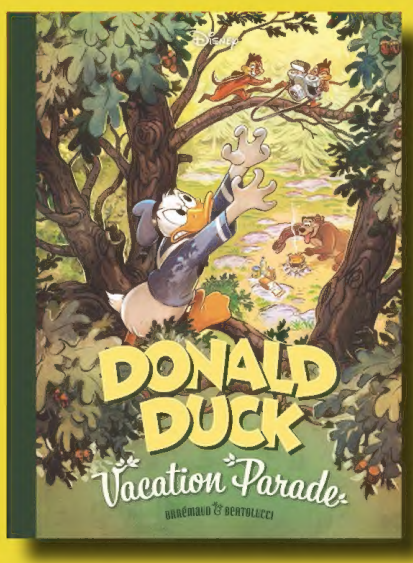

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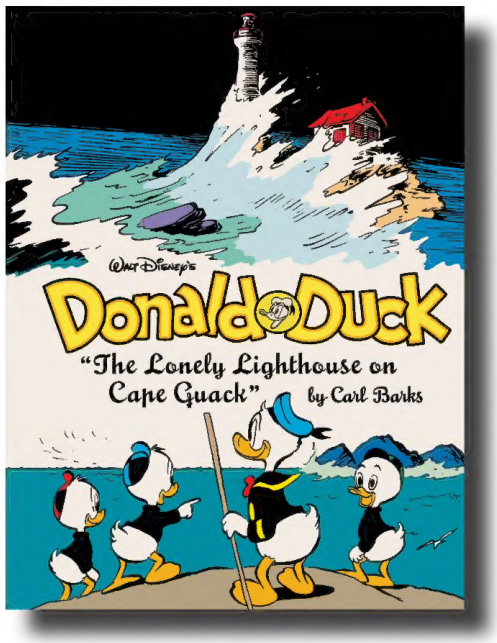

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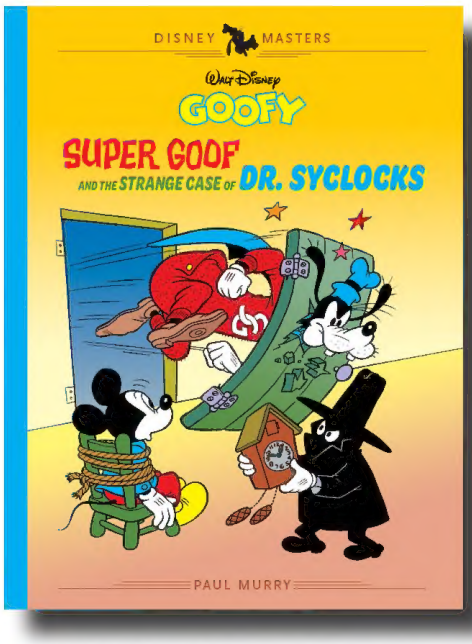

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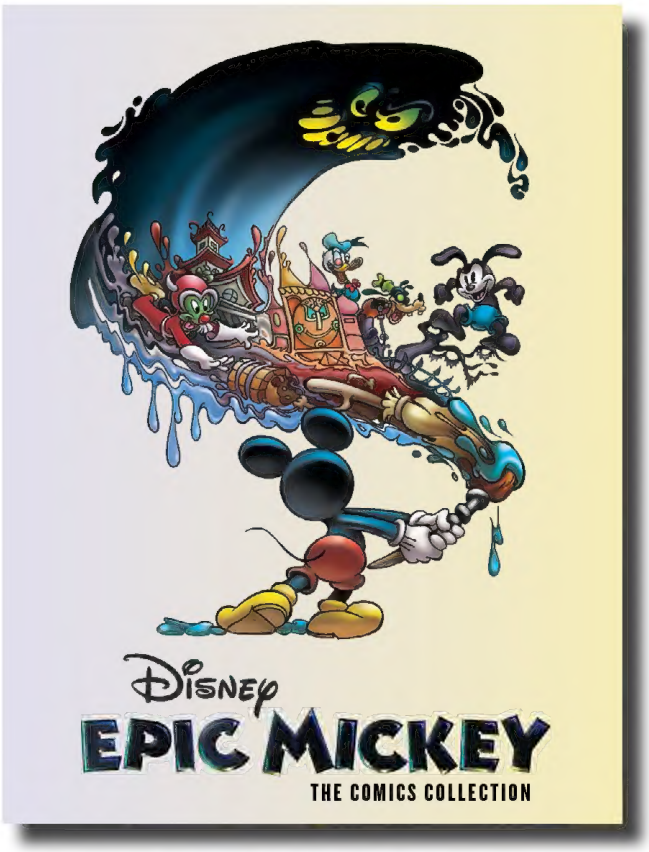

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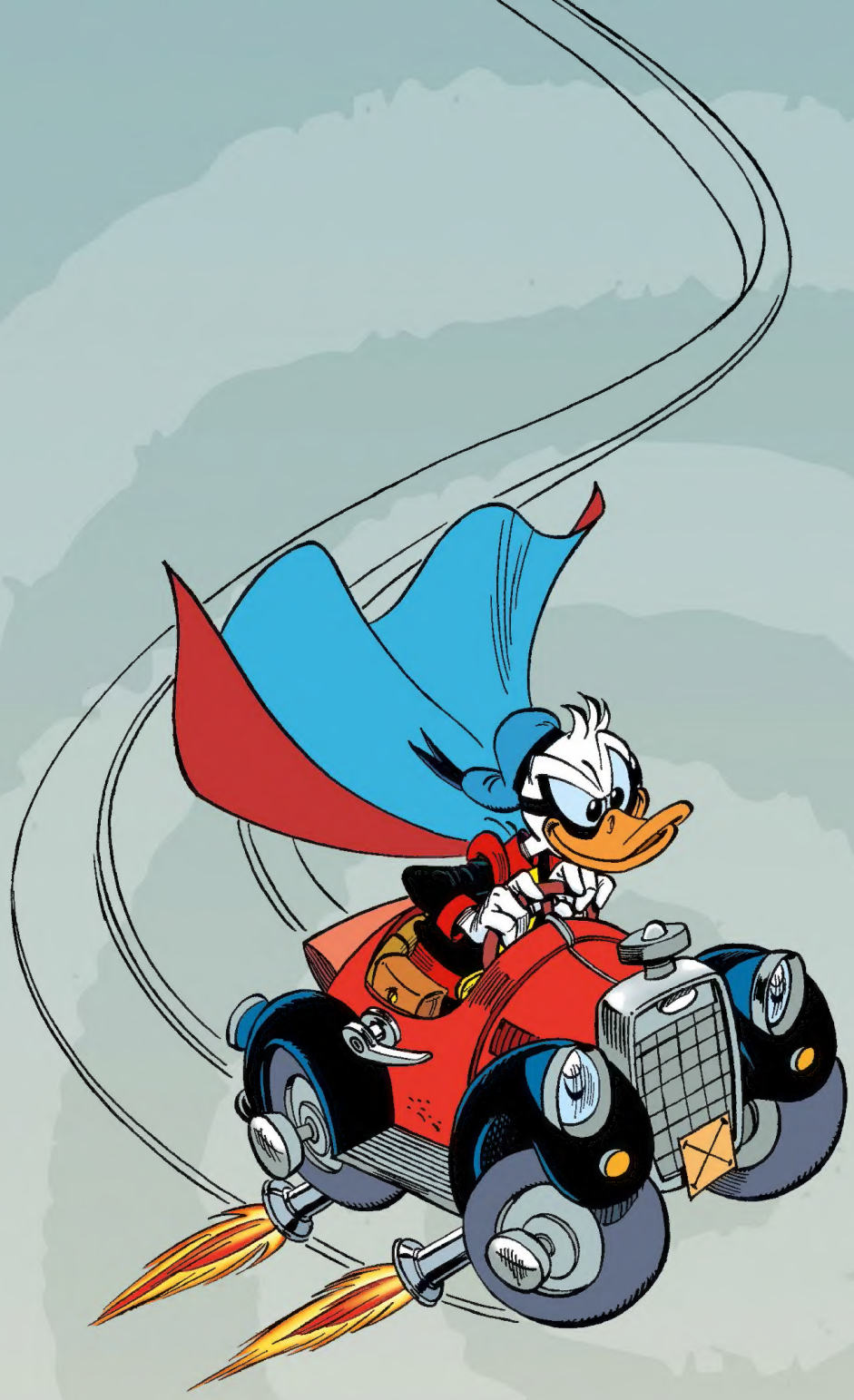

WHO WANTS SCROOGE McDUCK FOR THEIR LANDLORD?

Not Donald Duck! **But...** if Donald can't **get a job** and make rent, Uncle Scrooge will repossess his house! And then Scrooge will find the secret lair of Donald's secret identity—**Duckburg's super-*anti*-hero, Duck Avenger**—before Donald has time to dismantle it! Wak!

Too bad for Donald, **jobs don't come easy...** and while he's flopping as a delivery boy and a museum guard, Duckburg is invaded by Duck Avenger's foes, including **the Beagle Boys,** evil cosplayers, and a zombie army!

Wild action, wicked wit and wordplay join forces in a new Disney graphic novel by **Luc "Batem" Collin** (*Marsupilami*) and **Nicolas Pothier.** Is Donald ready? Is Scrooge? Is Duckburg? You know they're **not!**

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